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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington 25, D. C.

REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION 49135

Identification Division

YOUR FILE NO. 15-12848

REC-13 FBI FILE NO. 15-38700 -10

LATENT CASE NO. 14274

April 16, 1958

TO: SAC, Chicago

EX-108

RE: [redacted] b6 b7C

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
THEFT OF 875 CASES OF SUNNYBROOK
WHISKEY FROM INDIANAPOLIS FORWARDING CO.,
12/31/57
TFIS

REFERENCE: Letter 3/28/58

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Chicago

SPECIMENS: 82 half pint bottles
28 cardboard cartons
Fingerprints of suspects Frank Lisciandrello, [redacted] b6 b7C

Bottles and cartons examined. Ten latent fingerprints, one palm print, and two lower finger joint impressions were developed on seven of the bottles marked "DOMK." Two fingerprints and three palm prints were developed on five bottles marked "Continental." Six fingerprints and eight palm prints were developed on eight of the cardboard cartons. The number on one of those cartons has been torn off. The other seven cartons bear numbers J589434, J589582, J589085, J589074, J589073, J589072, and J589079.

See attached sheet regarding identifications effected with fingerprints of [redacted] b6 b7C

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SAC, Chicago April 16, 1958

Fingerprints of other suspects submitted and named are not identical with any of the remaining latent fingerprints. No palm prints and lower joint impressions of suspects available.

You will receive a separate report concerning the results of the search of the submitted fingerprints of the five suspects through our main fingerprint file. Identification records of Gerald Covelli and [redacted] will be forwarded separately. b6 b7C

Bottles and cartons being returned separately.

This confirms and supplements Buairtel of 4/12/58.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (15-38700) DATE: March 28, 1958

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (15-12848) ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION, LATENT CASE NUMBER 14274

SUBJECT: [redacted] b6 b7C

UNSUBS.; Theft of 875 Cases of Sunnybrook Whiskey From Indianapolis Forwarding Co., 12/31/57 TFIS

Re Chicago letter to the Bureau marked to the attention of the Identification Division dated March 4, 1958, and report from the Latent Fingerprint Section by letter dated March 14, 1958.

There are being transmitted by Railway Express Agency a total of five packages. Three of these packages contain a total of twenty-six empty cardboard cartons which formerly contained Sunnybrook Whiskey which was recovered from the premises of the Cafe Continental, 44 East Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois, and the Silver Domes Cafe. [redacted] b6 b7C Cafe Continental. One of the packages contains thirty-four empty half-pint bottles which formerly contained Sunnybrook Whiskey, case serial number J-589072, which case was recovered from the Silver Domes Cafe, 1100 West Lawrence Avenue. The fifth package contains a case of forty-eight empty half-pint bottles of Sunnybrook Whiskey, case serial number J-589073, which was also recovered from the Silver Domes Cafe.

For your information, confidential informant [redacted] b2 b7D reported portions of captioned whiskey believed to be in three Chicago taverns, namely the Cafe Continental, The Flame, and the Silver Domes.

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2 - Bureau (Encls. 5)
5 - (5 Packages)
1 - Chicago

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As a result of this information on March 17, 1958, a [redacted] investigation was conducted by the agents of Alcohol Tax and Tobacco Unit (ATTU) Internal Revenue Service, Officers of the Cartage Detail, Chicago Police Department and Bureau agents. The investigation at the Cafe Continental resulted in the location and recovery of approximately twenty-six cases of instant whiskey and the arrest of [redacted] b6 b7C

Investigation at The Flame Tavern resulted in the location and recovery of one and one-half cases of instant whiskey and the arrest of [redacted] b6 b7C

On March 17, 1958, investigation was conducted at the Silver Domes Tavern which resulted in the location and recovery of approximately five and one-half cases of instant whiskey. Employees at the Silver Domes were interviewed and disclaim knowledge of the whiskey and could furnish no information as to the whereabouts of [redacted] (LNU) and two unknown individuals. Investigation is continuing to develop the identity of these persons. b6 b7C

It is requested that the twenty-six cartons mentioned previously, as well as the one-half pint bottles which formerly contained Sunny Brook Whiskey, be processed for latent fingerprints and in the event prints of value are developed they are to be compared with the fingerprints of the following:

[redacted] Chicago Police Department Bureau of Identification No. [redacted]

[redacted] United States Marshal No. [redacted] at Chicago.

[redacted] Chicago Police Department Bureau of Identification No. [redacted] and [redacted] Federal Reformatory No. [redacted] FBI No. [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

[redacted] United States Marshal No. [redacted] at Chicago. b6 b7C

[redacted] United States Marshal No. [redacted] at Chicago.

[redacted] The Flame Cafe (whose fingerprints are enclosed). b6 b7C

[redacted] United States Marshal No. [redacted] at Chicago.

GERALD COVELLI, FBI Number 1995290.

[redacted] Chicago Police Department, Bureau of Identification, No. [redacted] b6 b7C

(the above two individuals are believed to [redacted] Silver Domes)

[redacted] Silver Domes, (whose fingerprints are enclosed).

b6 b7C

[redacted] Silver Domes (whose fingerprints are enclosed).

[redacted] and [redacted] Silver Domes (whose fingerprints are enclosed).

FRANK LISCIANDRELLO, salesman, regular patron at the Silver Domes (whose fingerprints are enclosed).

It is further requested that the identification record regarding COVELLI and [redacted] be forwarded to the Chicago Office and further that the fingerprint cards of [redacted] and LISCIANDRELLO b6 b7C

be searched through the files of the Identification Division and that any record located for the above individuals be forwarded to the Chicago Office.

Upon completion of the latent fingerprint examination those cartons of the twenty-six which are being forwarded bearing no evidentiary value are to be destroyed. The empty Sunny Brook bottles, as well as their respective two cartons, should be returned to the Chicago Office to be held for evidentiary purposes. It is also probable that additional suspects or subjects will be developed and a further examination will be requested.

Government Bill of Lading Number 8232.

ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU:

One (1) fingerprint card for [redacted]

One (1) fingerprint card for [redacted] b6 b7C

One (1) fingerprint card for [redacted]

One (1) fingerprint card for [redacted]

One (1) fingerprint card for FRANK LISCIANDRELLO.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 4-7-58 esd

Received: 4-7-58

Reference No: 15-12848
FBI File No: 15-38700 - 10
Latent Case No: 14274

Answer to: SAC, Chicago (15-12848)

Examination requested by: Addressee

Copy to:

RE: [redacted] b6 b7C

UNSUBS.; THEFT OF 875 CASES OF SUNNYBROOK WHISKEY FROM INDIANAPOLIS FORWARDING CO., 12/31/57 TFIS

Date of reference communication: 3-28-58

Specimens: 26 cartons
34 empty half-pint bottles in carton
1 carton containing 48 empty half-pint bottles

Fingerprints of suspects: Frank Lisciandrello [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] (2 sets plus extra copy of rolled impressio

Named suspects:

[redacted] Chicago PD, BofI No. [redacted] - FBI [redacted]
[redacted] United States Marshal, Chicago, Ill. No. [redacted] - FBI [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago PD, BofI No. [redacted], FBI# [redacted]
[redacted] FBI# [redacted] b6 b7C

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Result of examination: Examination by: Caton

[redacted] Chicago, Ill. U.S. Marshal [redacted] d by:
[redacted] Chicago, Ill. U.S. Marshal No. [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago, Ill. U.S. Marshal No. [redacted] - FBI# [redacted] b6 b7C
Gerald Covelli, FBI# 1995290
[redacted] Chicago PD, BofI No. [redacted] - FBI [redacted]

Send ident records on Covelli and [redacted] and search records of [redacted] and Lisciandrello

- original to Block. CVG 4-7
Ltr copy & CI 4/9
48 bottles carton examined - 10 bottles & photos (black powder) 4/9
34 bottles examined - 6 & photos 4/9

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4 cartons to photo 4/10) Cg no 3 prts.
2 cartons to photo 4/10

12 fgpts, 2 lower joints + 5 palms on bottles

b6
b7C

10 fgpts on [redacted] FBI [redacted]

4/11 kw
p/s Verified

Control no - 4/12

Latents of value as follows:

~~7 Bottles~~

10 fgpts, 2 palm prts, 2 lower joint imps on 7 bottles marked "DOME"

2 fgpts + 3 palm prts on 5 bottles marked "CONTINENTAL"

6 fgpts + 8 palm prts developed on 8 of cartons -

J 589439	J 589074
J 589582	J 589073
(one unnumbered)	J 589072
carton of	J 589079
J 589085	

Comparisons made - no other I/D than listed above 4/14 kw

5 suspects submitted for search + exams. 4/14
Records of [redacted] Covelli exp.

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Lab mail ret. separately
dictated 4/14 kw

[redacted]

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Theft of 875 cases of
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Indianapolis Forwarding Co.
TFIS0
12/31/57
Buffalo #15-38700-10
Theft by Unknown Subject(s)
(See Note)

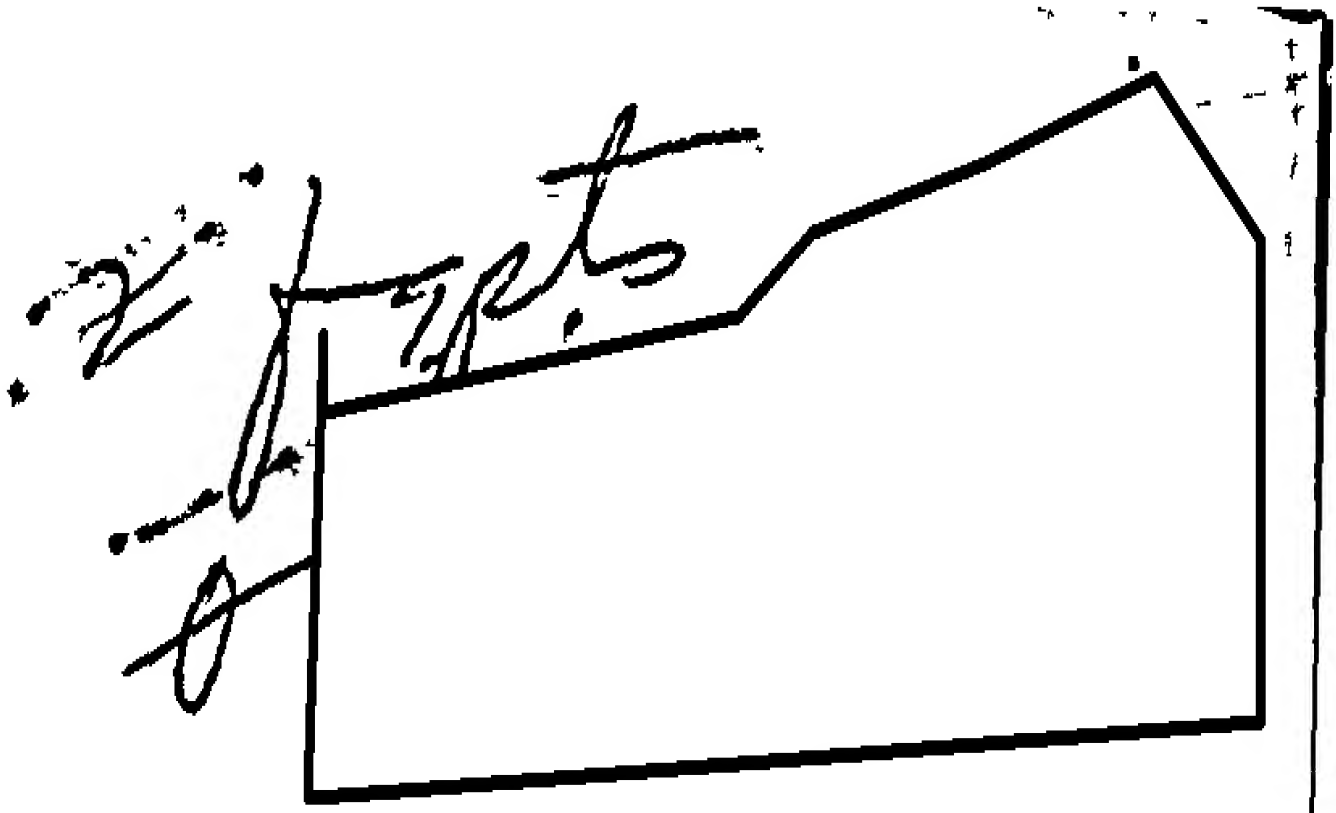
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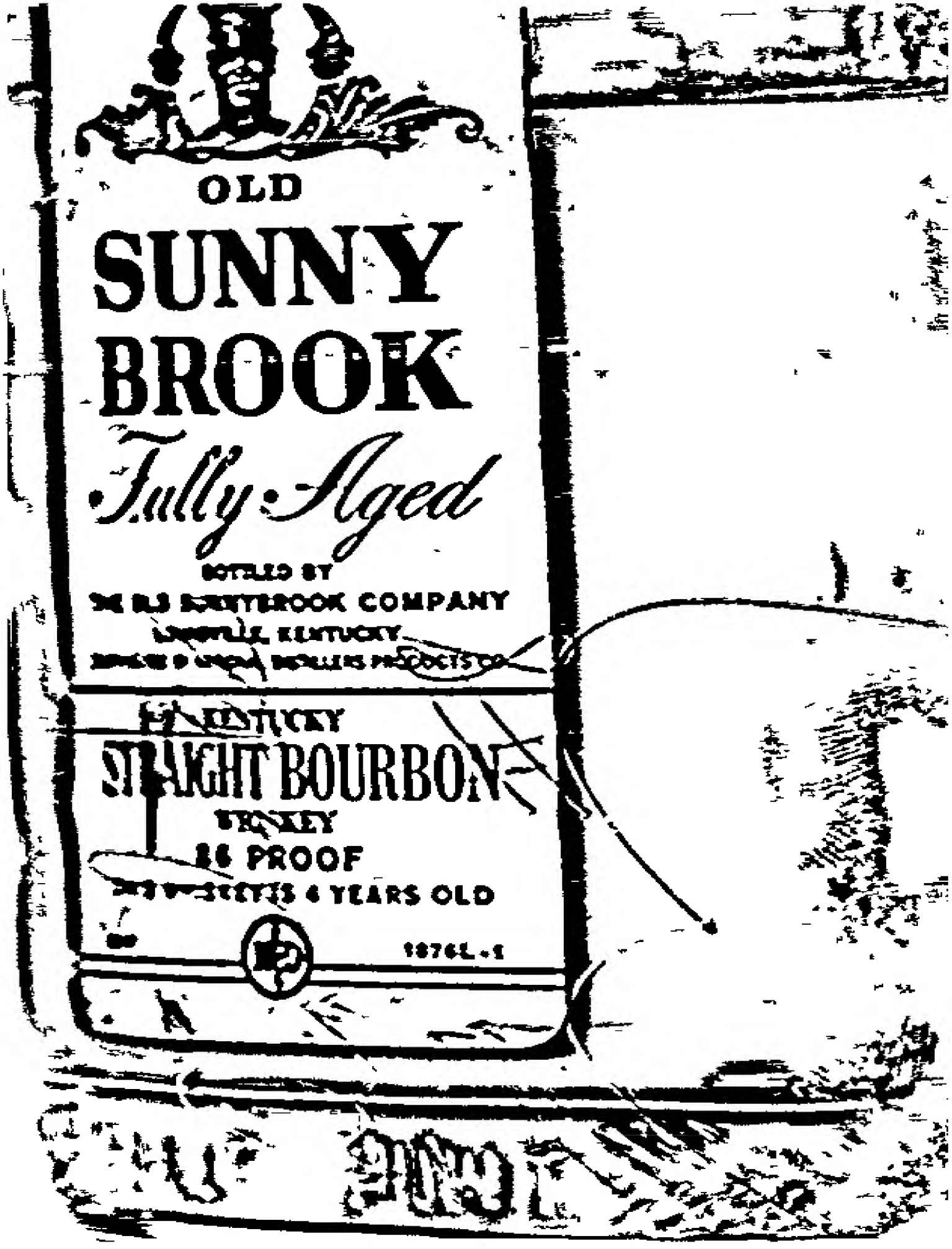
6 pgts. + 8 pgts.

on 8 cartons

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LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
STRAIGHT BOURBON
WHISKEY
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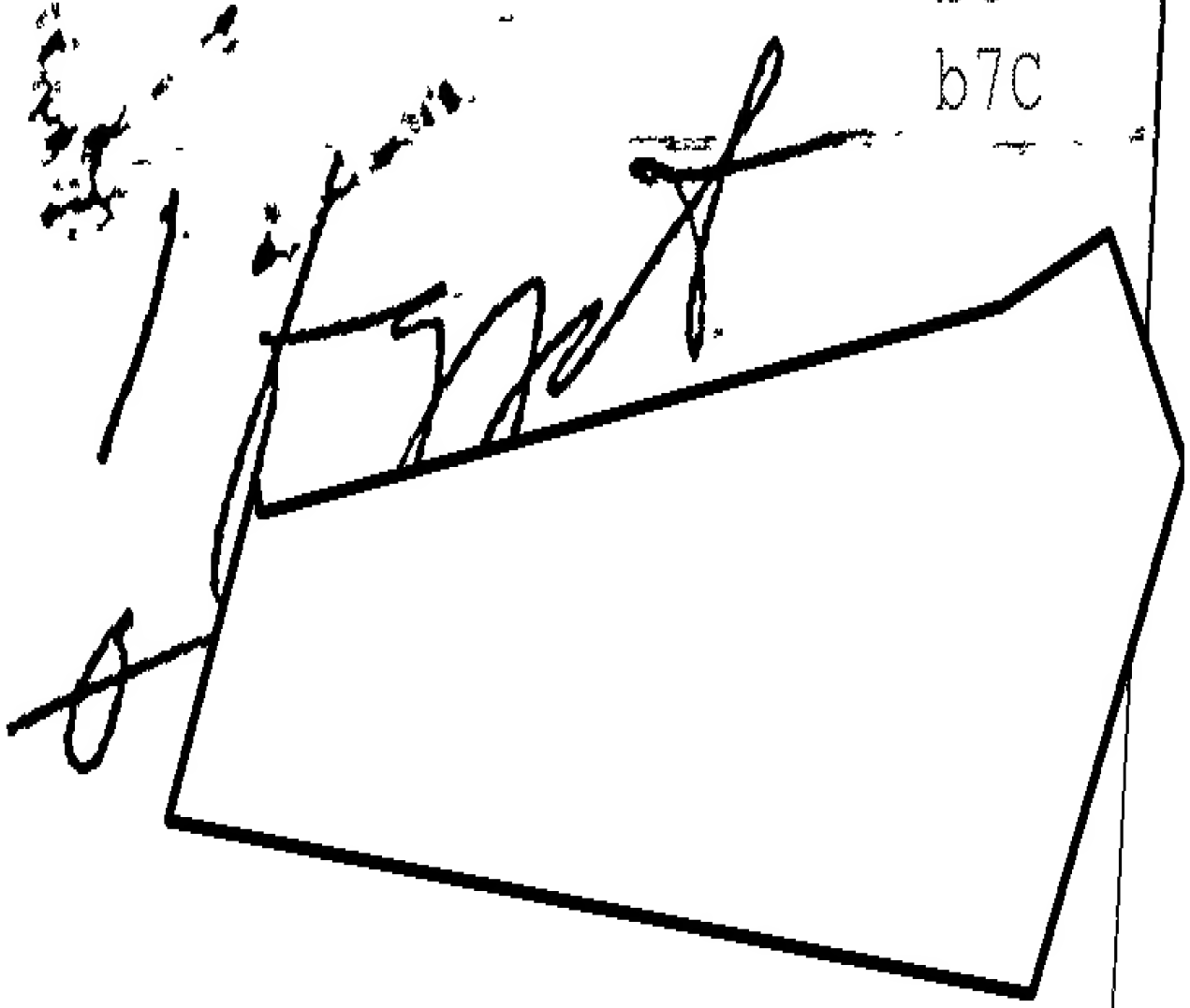
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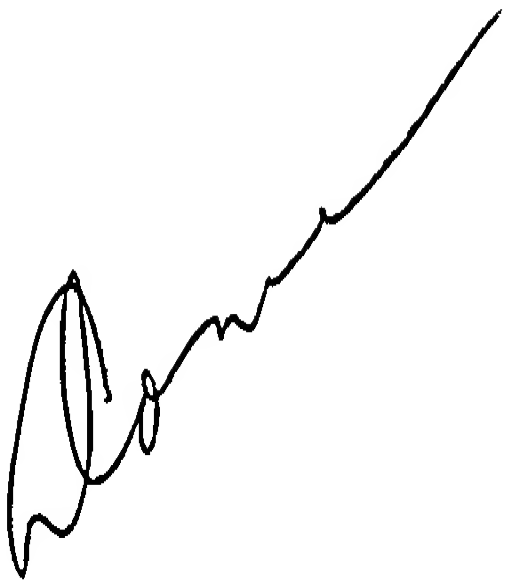
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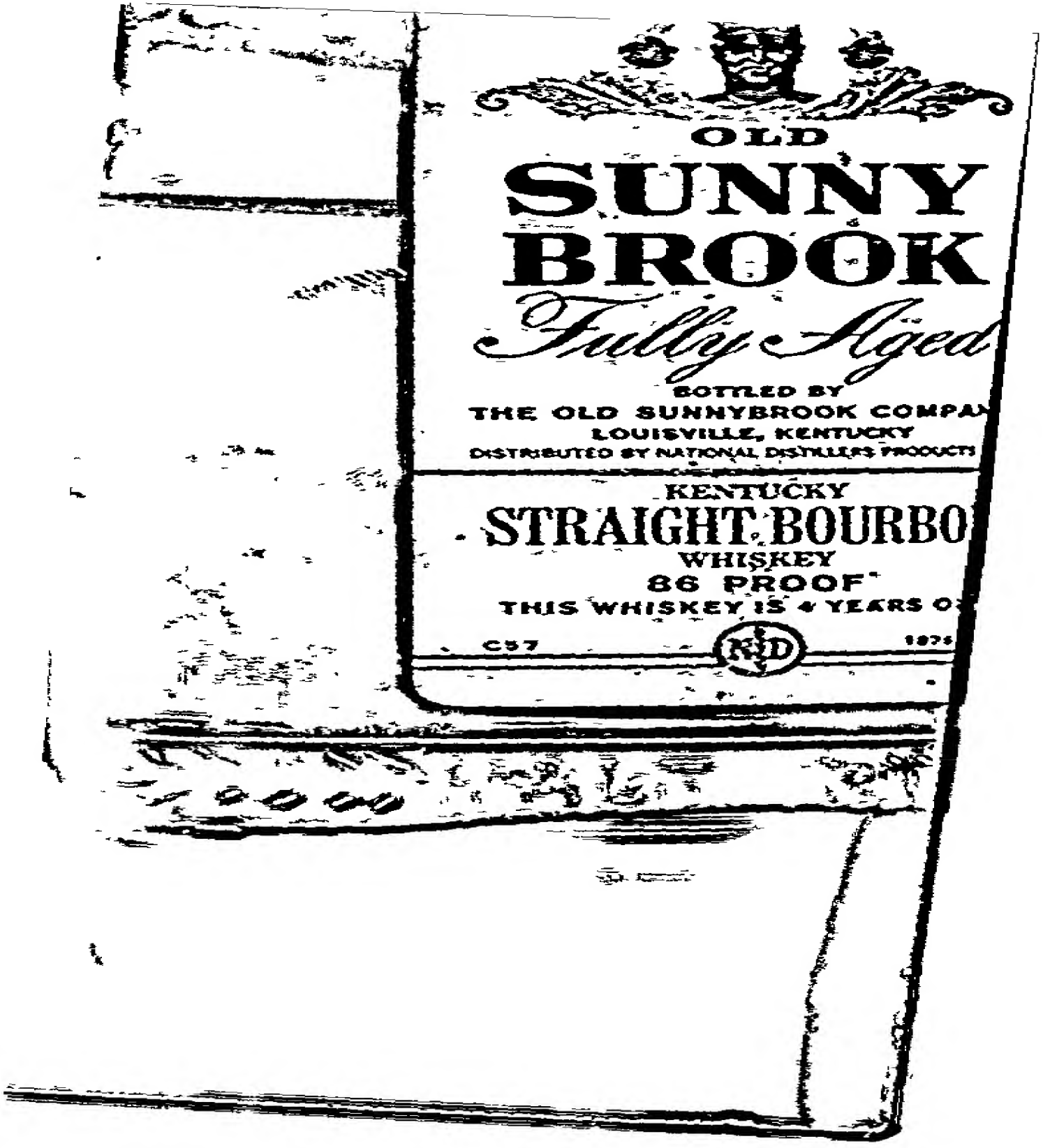
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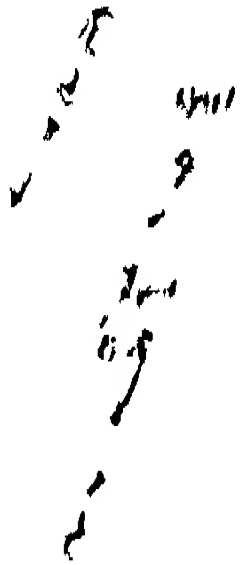
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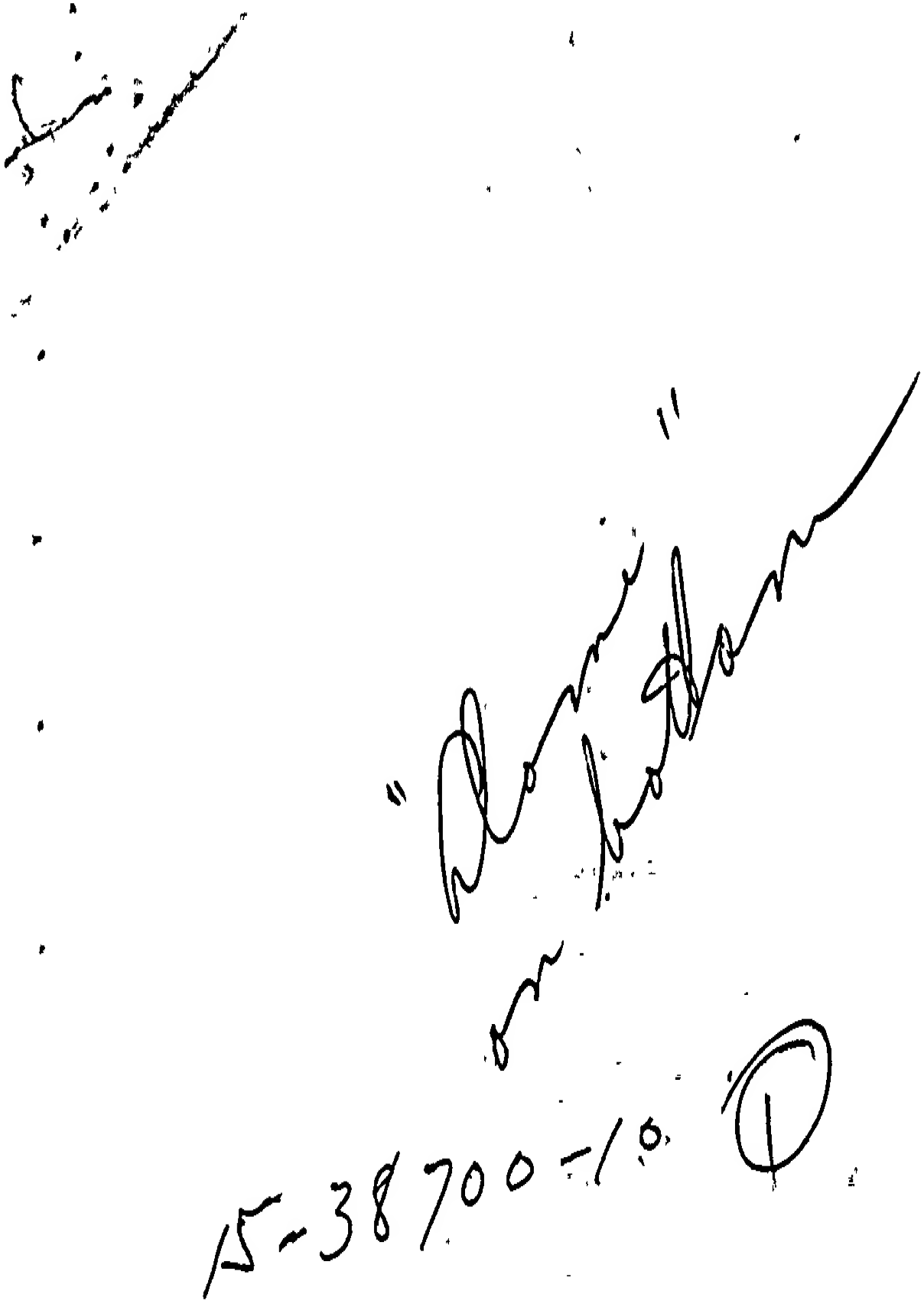


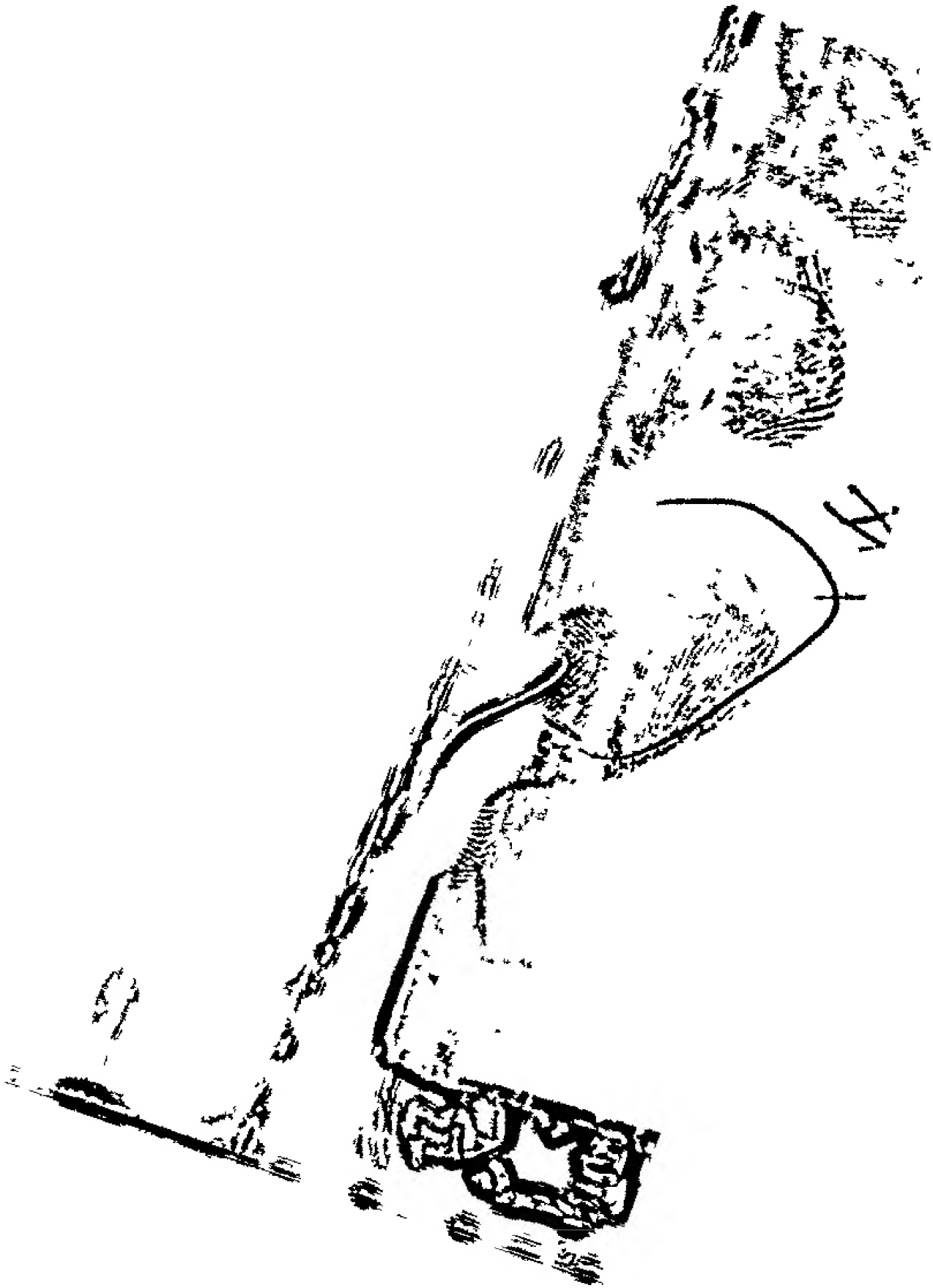
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10 tsp. sugar,
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2 tsp. sugar, or
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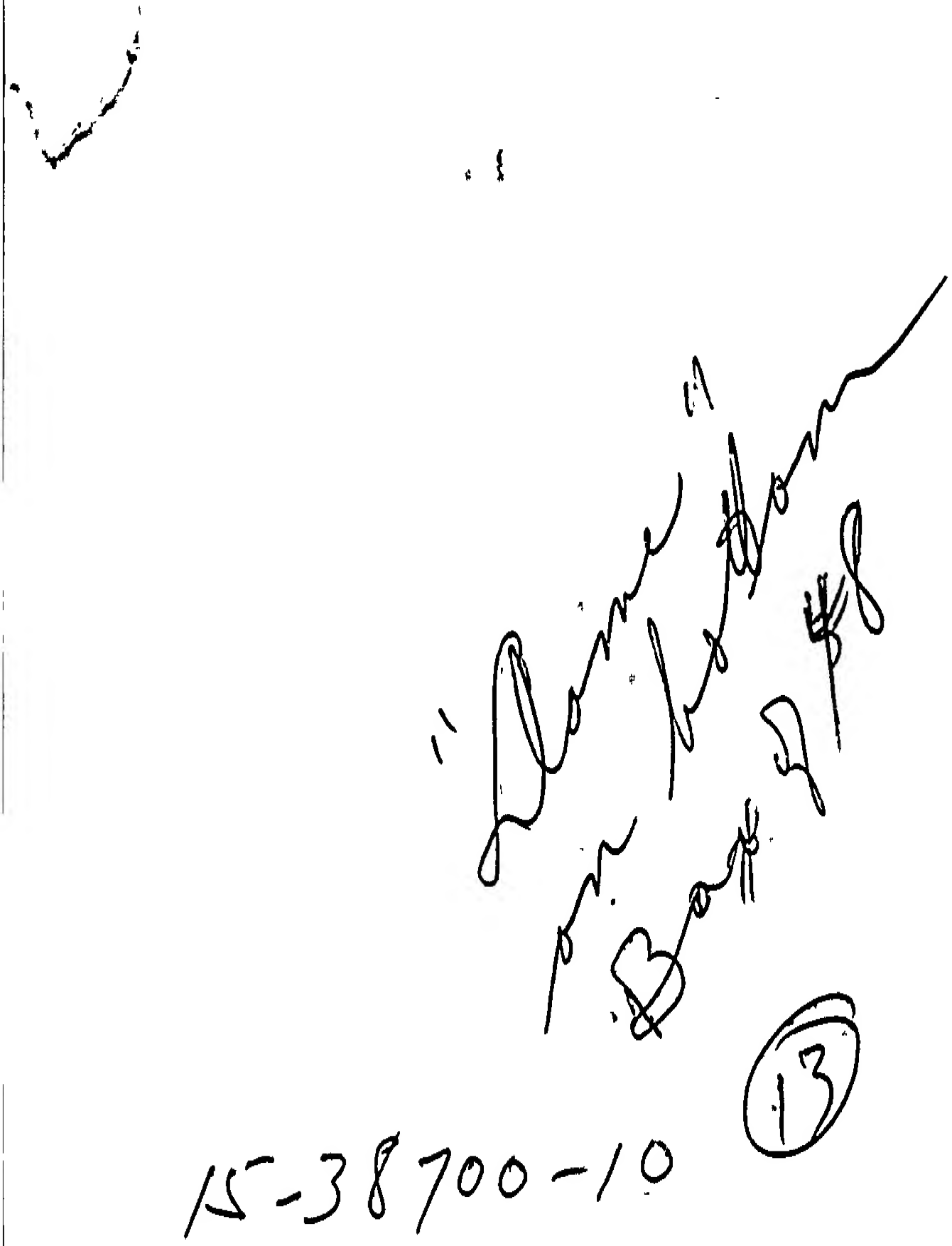
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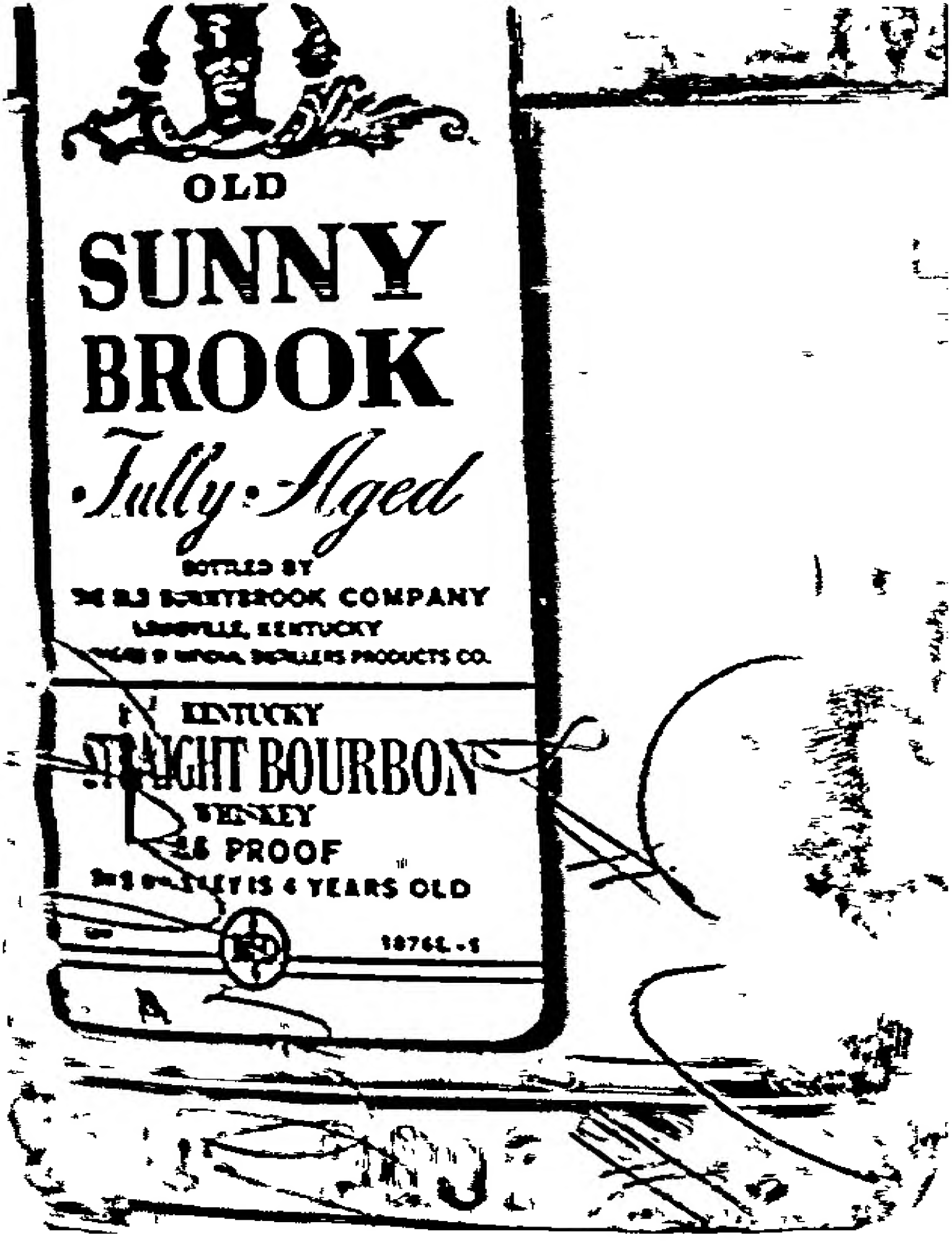
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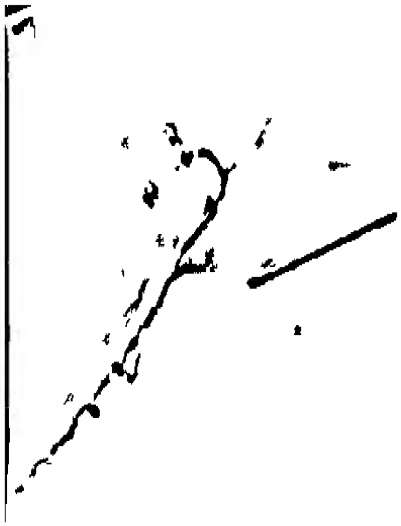
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THIS RYE WHISKEY IS 6 YEARS OLD



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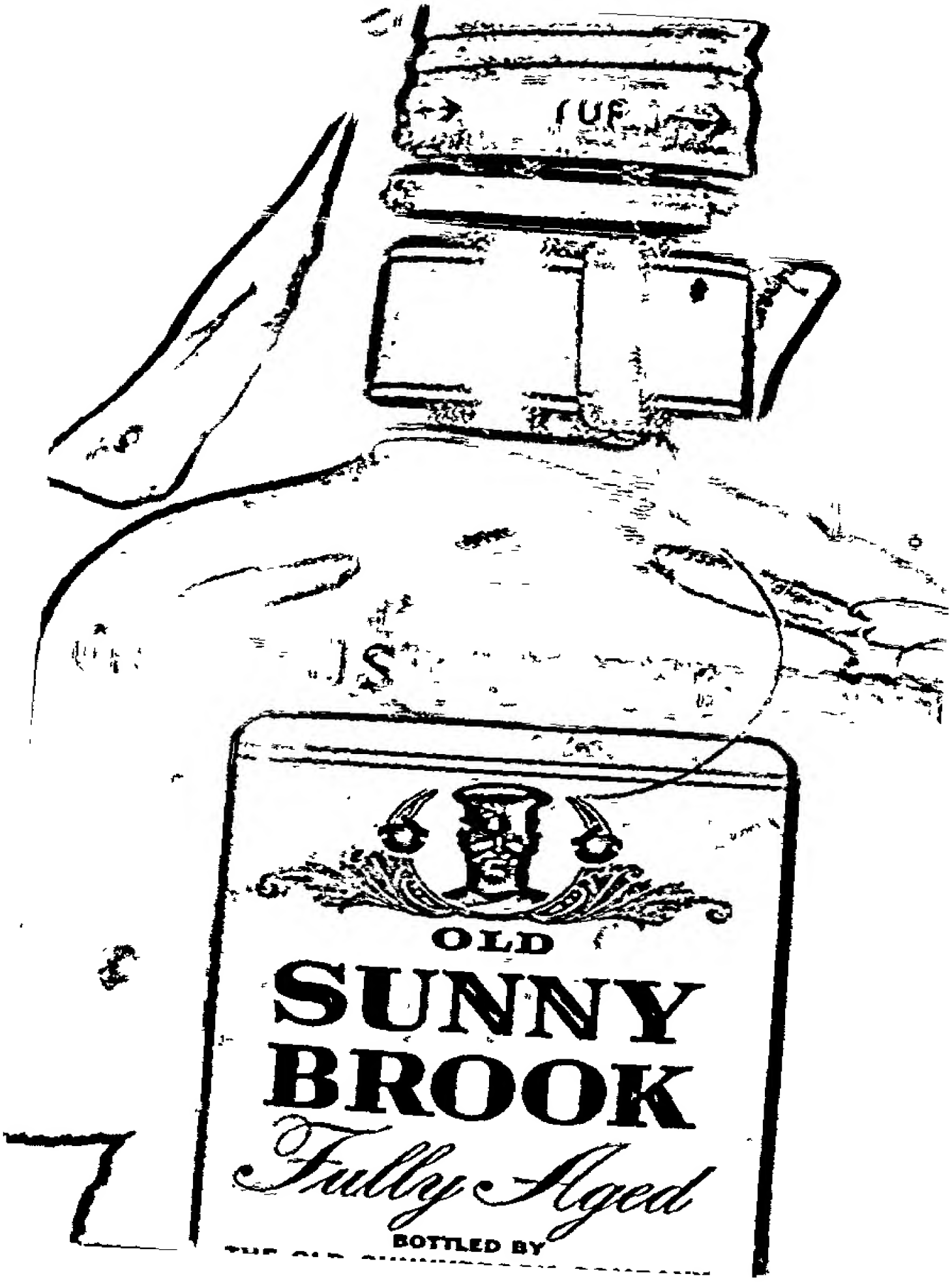
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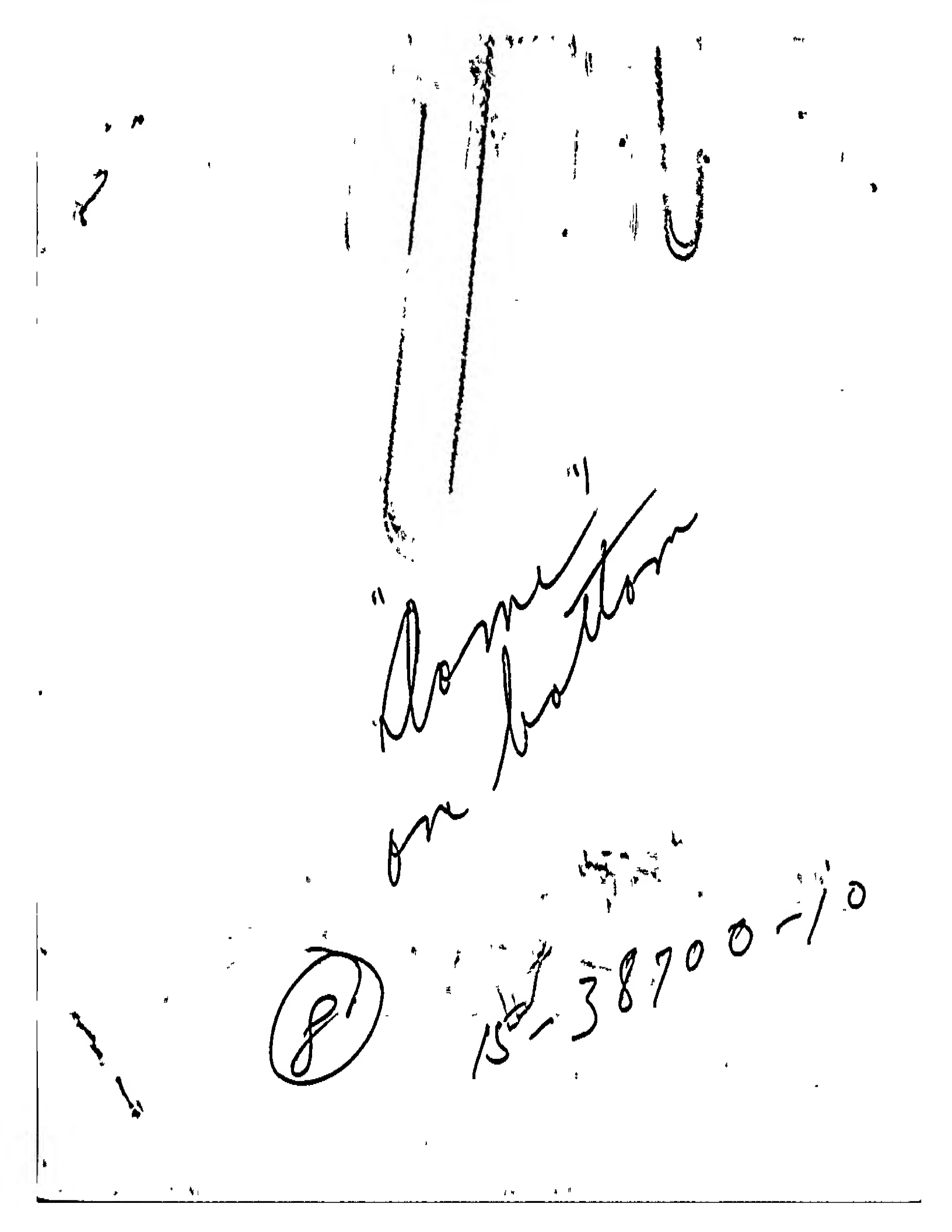

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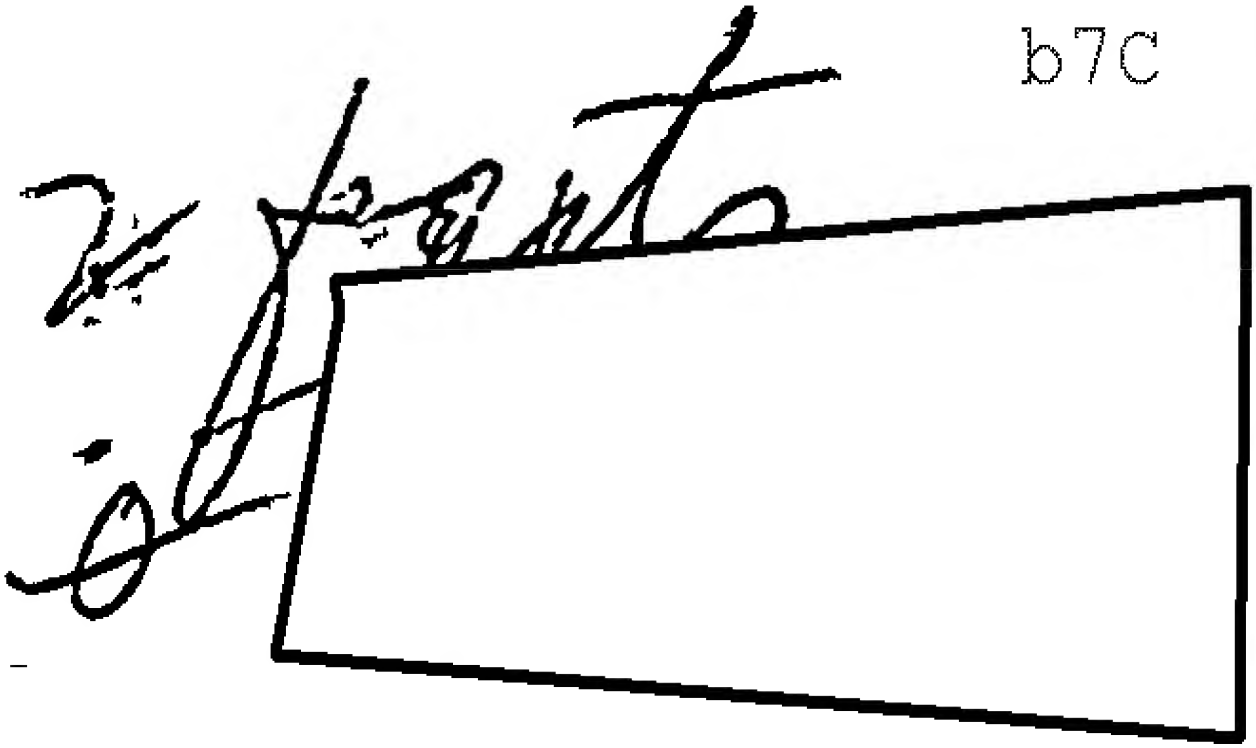
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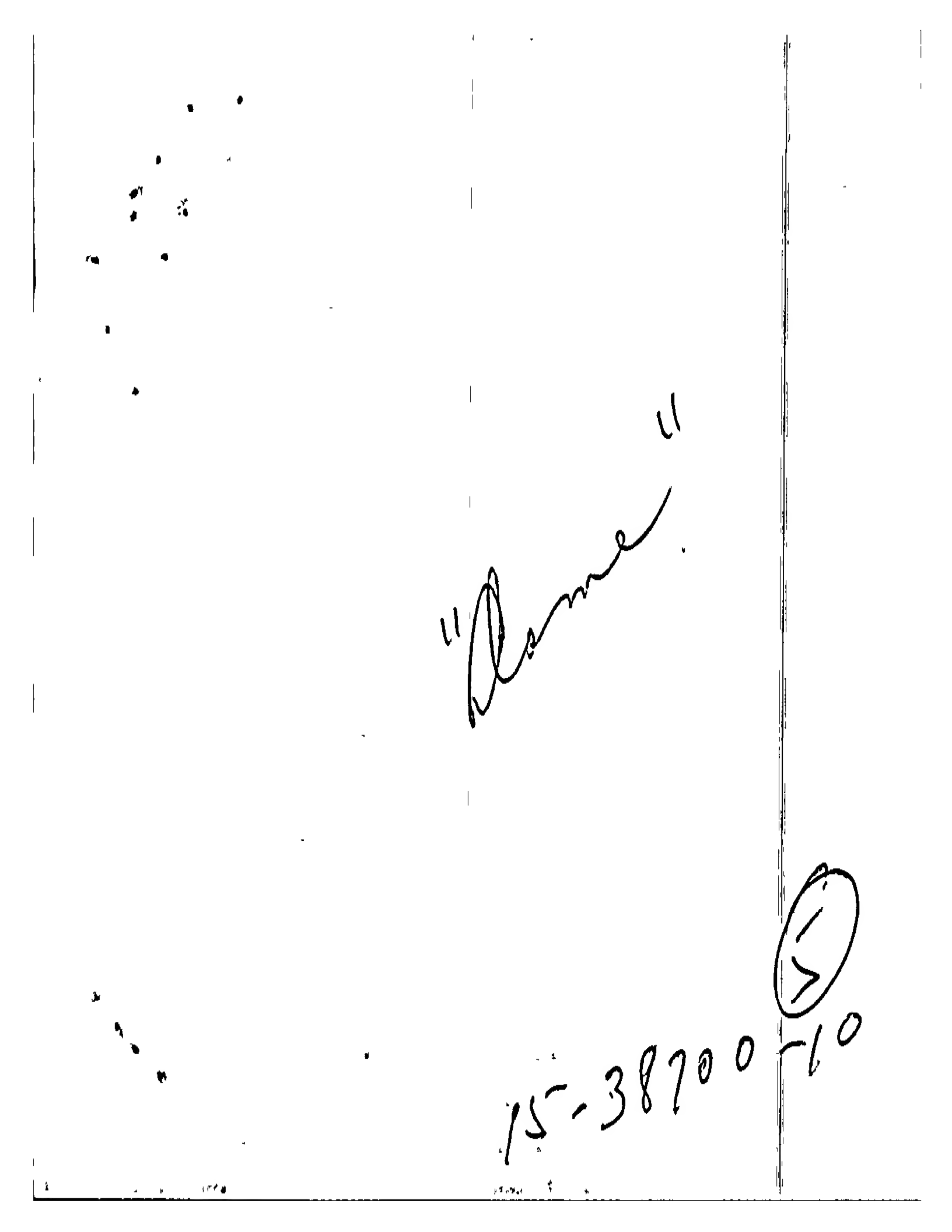

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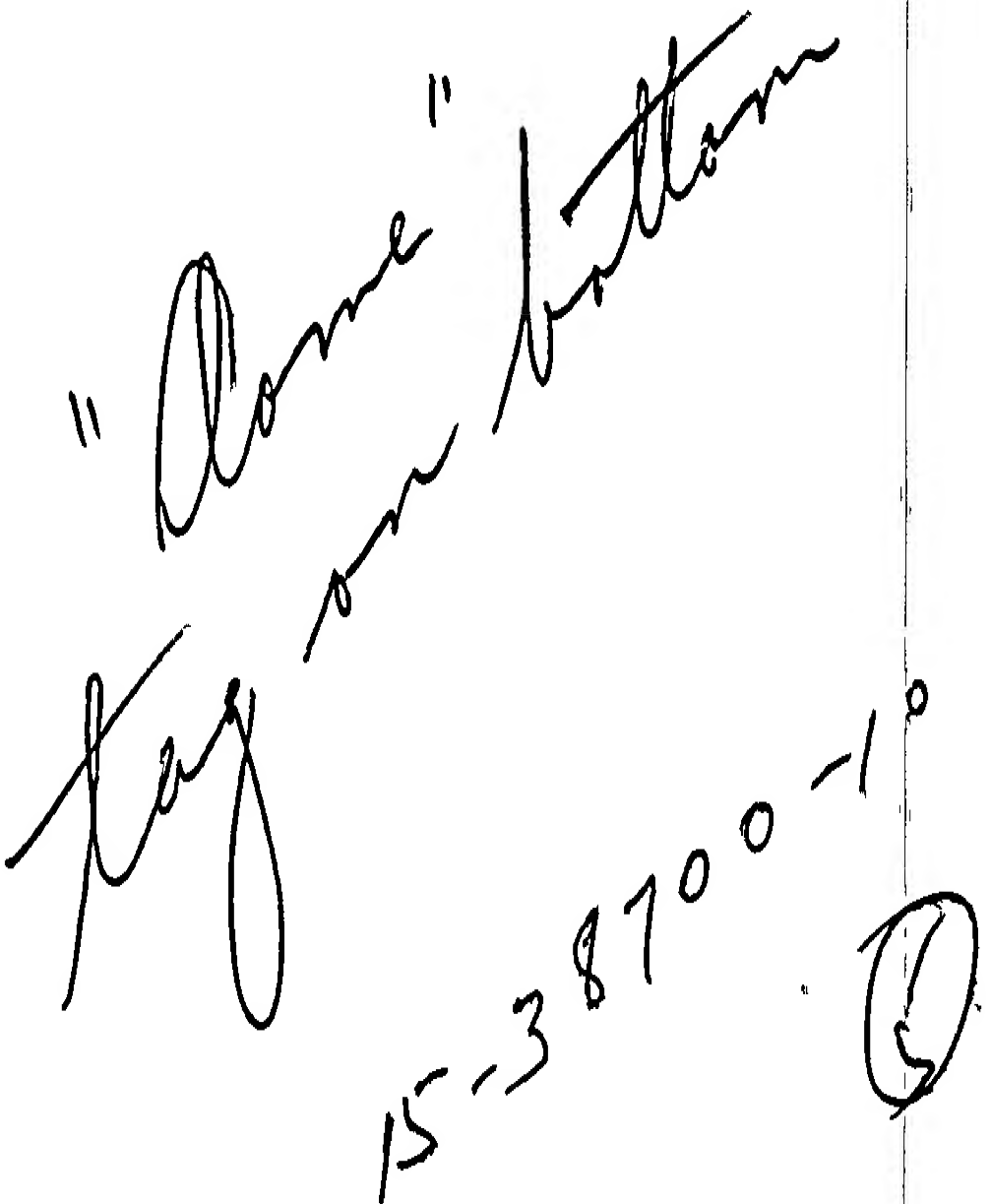


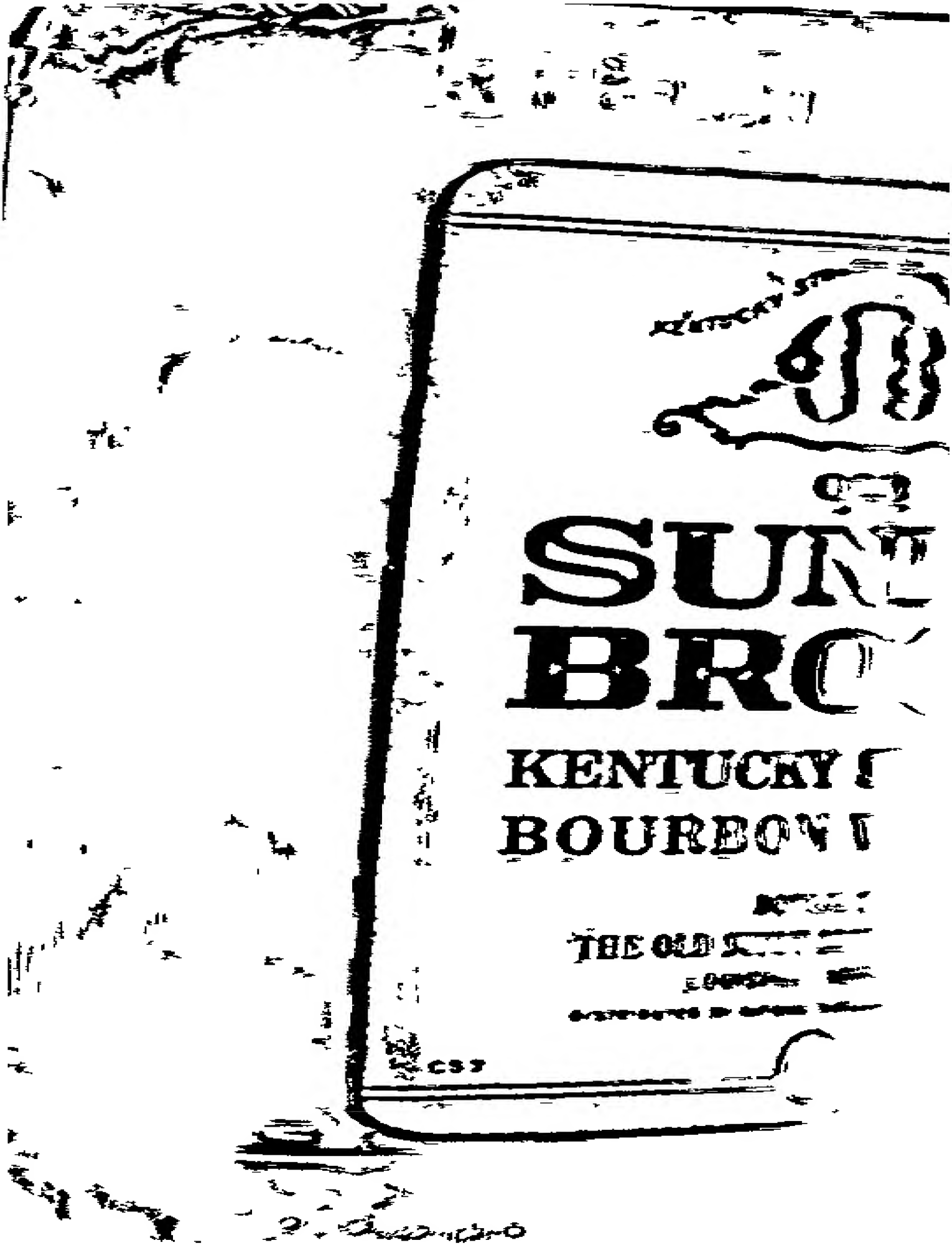
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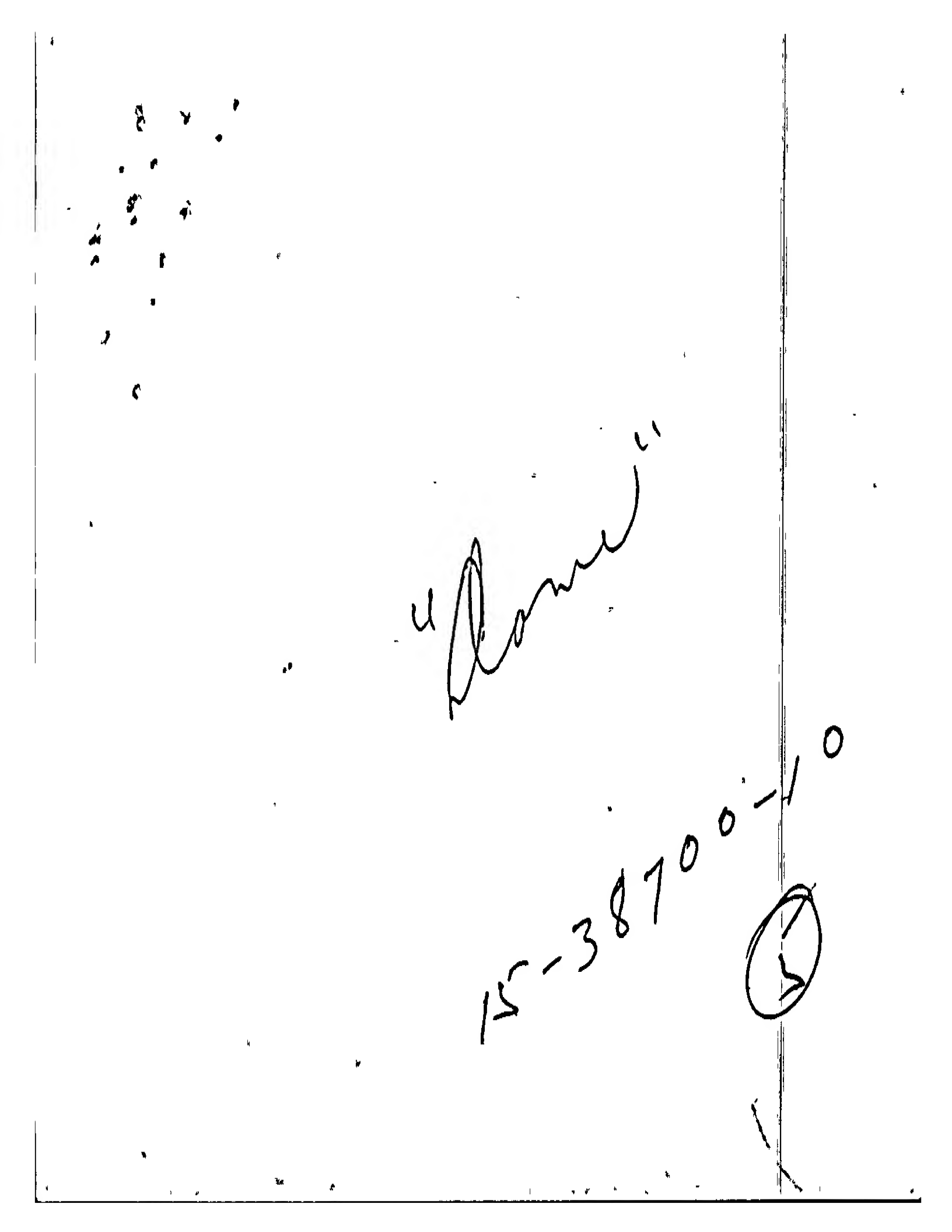
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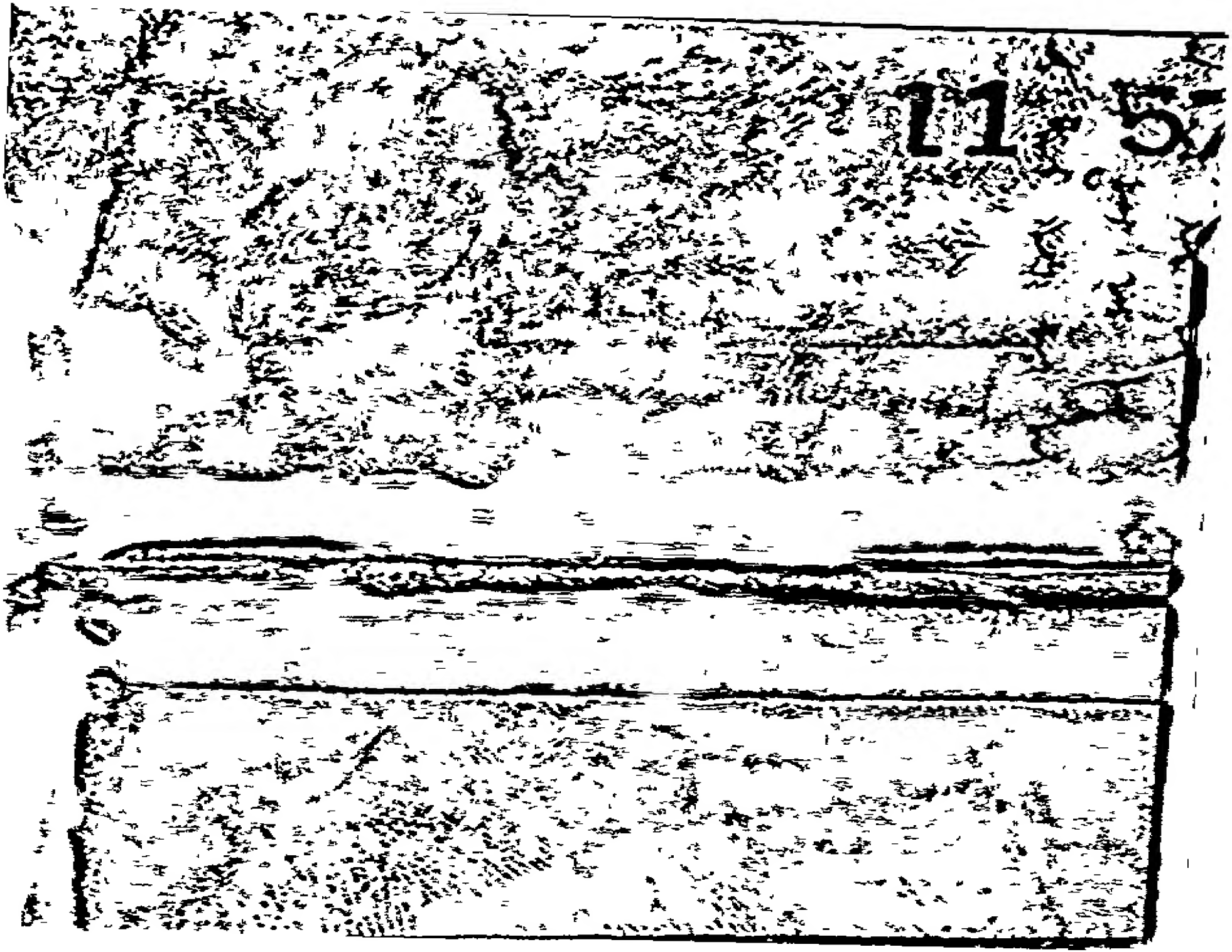

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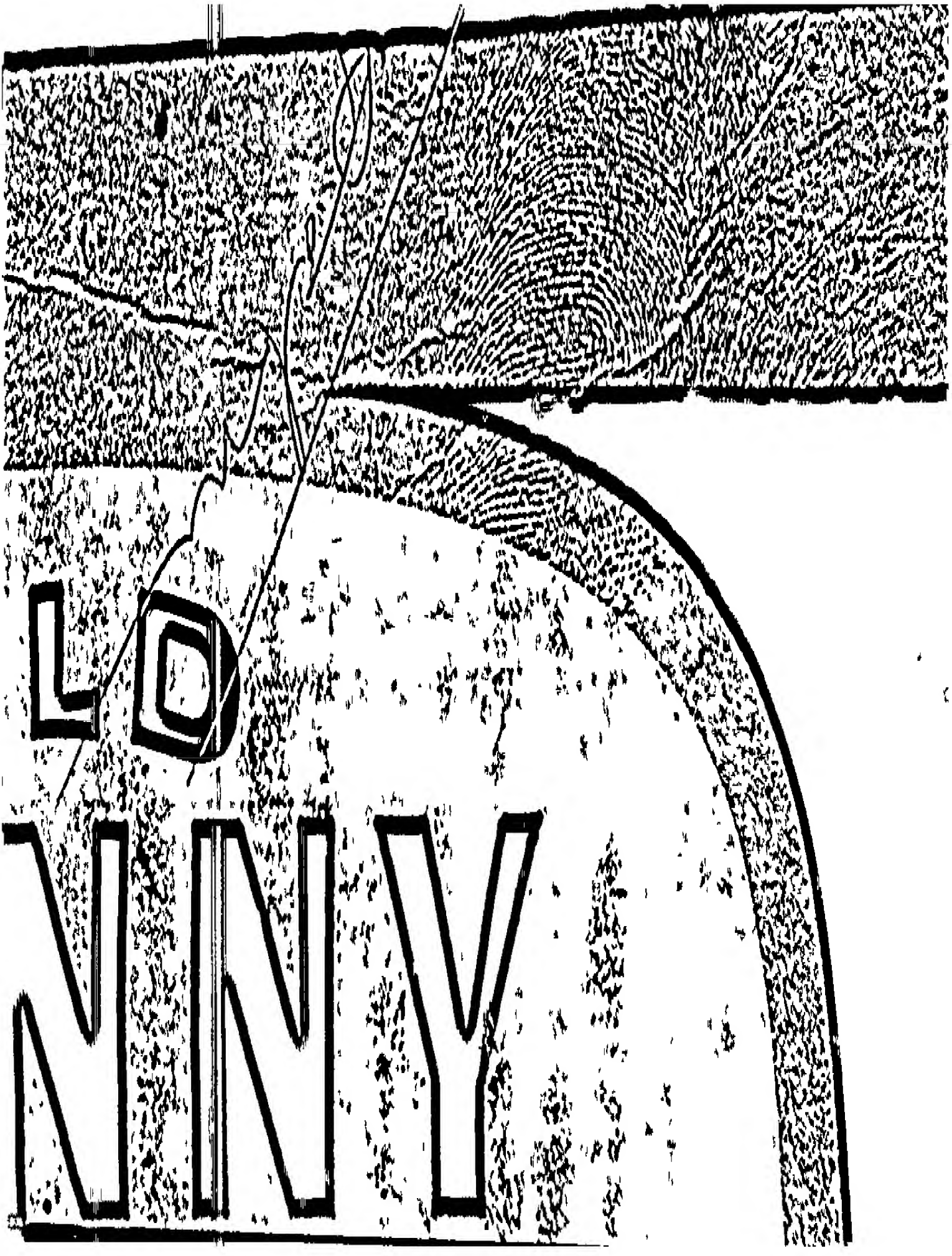


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Carton # turn off
lease date Dec 19 57
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corner of one end
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Carton # T589085

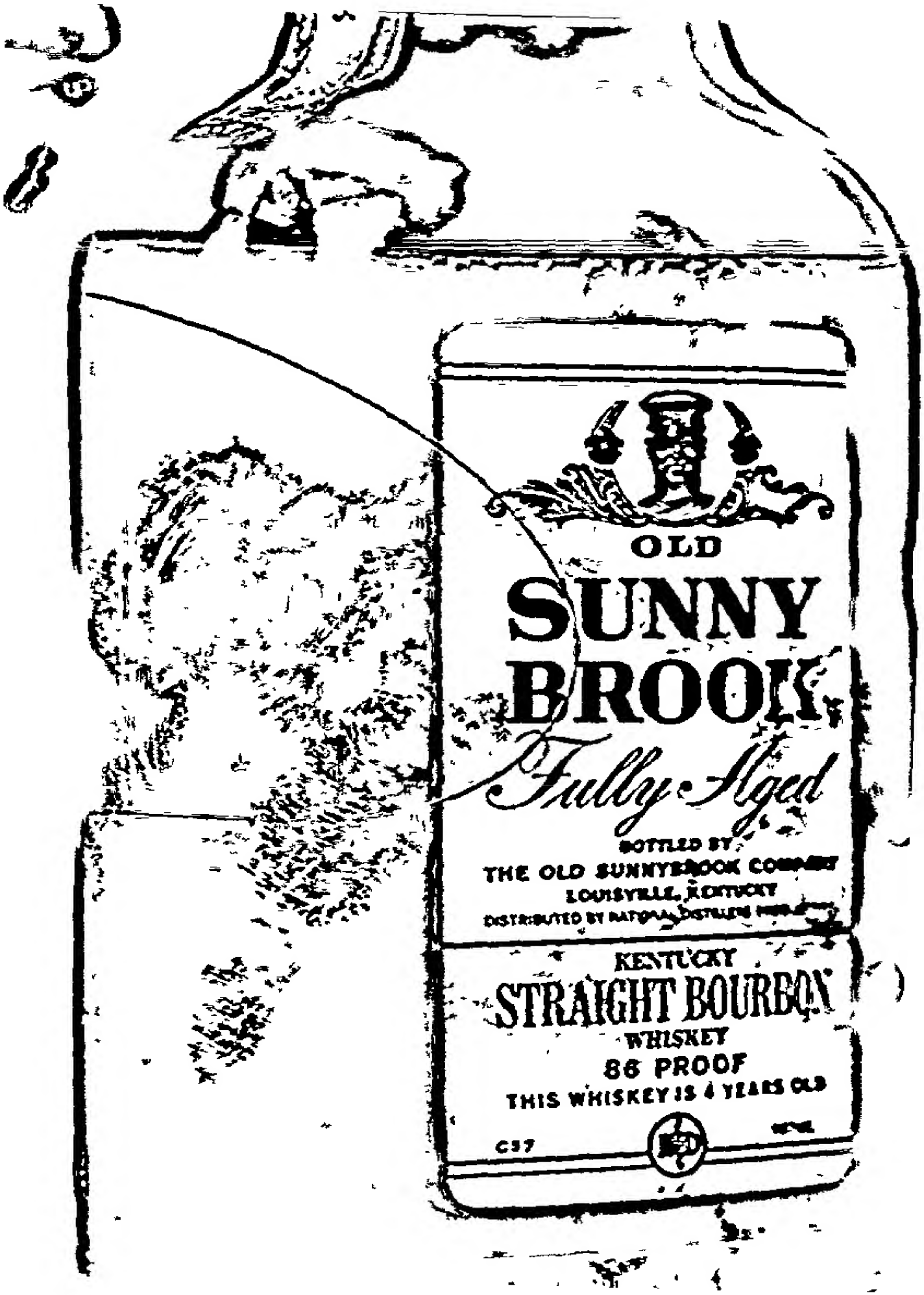
Top edge of carton showing printing "148 Half Pints"

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2 pints + 3 parts
of bottle
marked "Continental"


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KENTUCKY STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY
OLD
SUNNY
BROOK

"Continental"
on bottom
Box #139
15-38700-10


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LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
KENTUCKY
STRAIGHT BOURBON
WHISKEY
86 PROOF
THIS WHISKEY IS 4 YEARS OLD

"Continental"

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"Continental on bottom"



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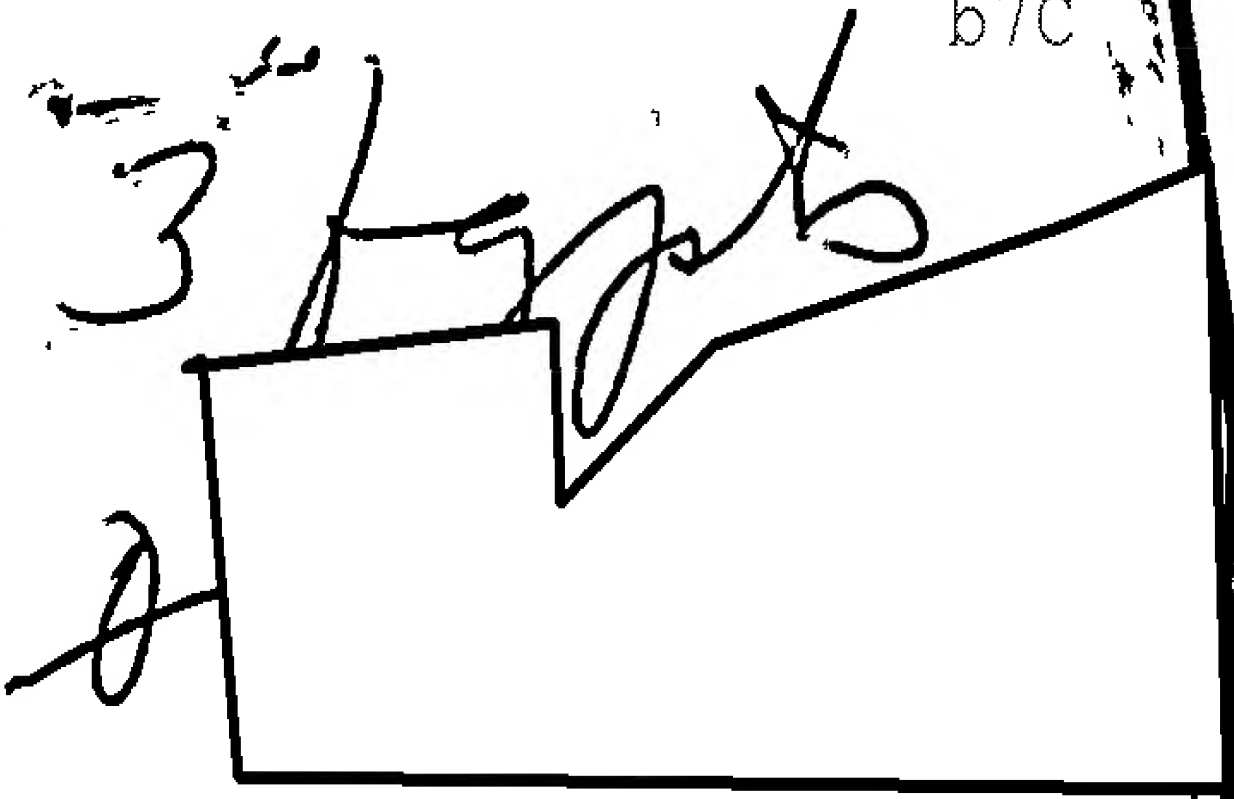
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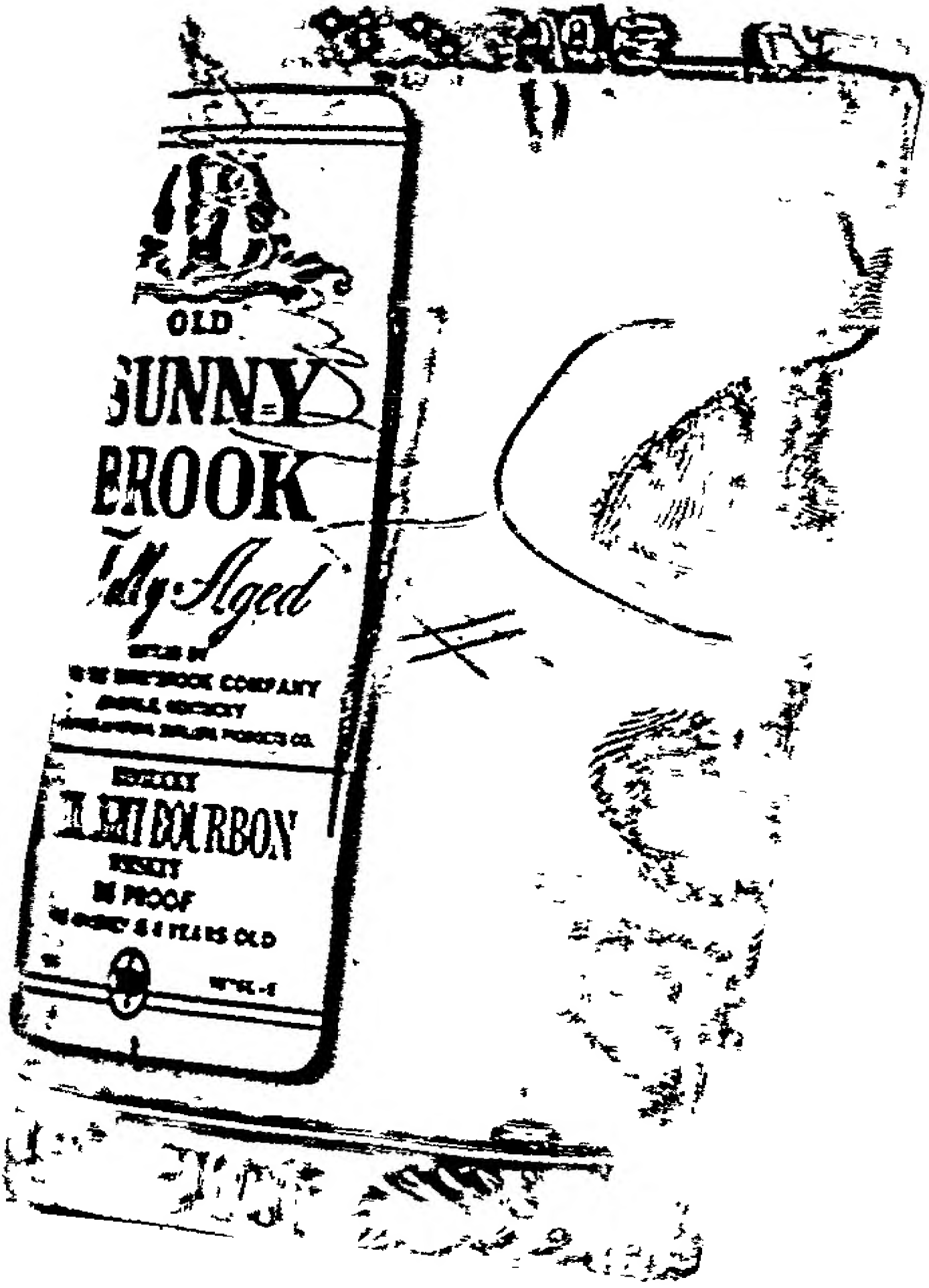
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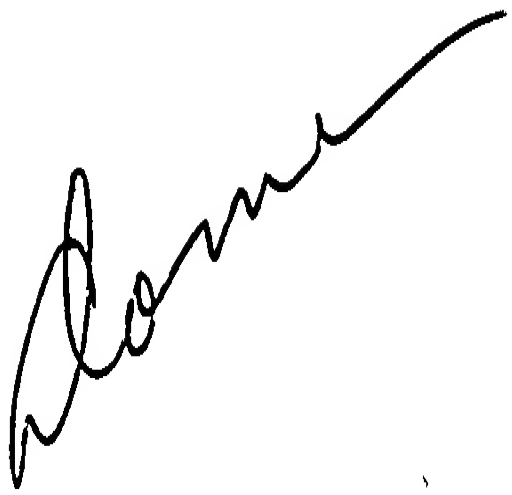
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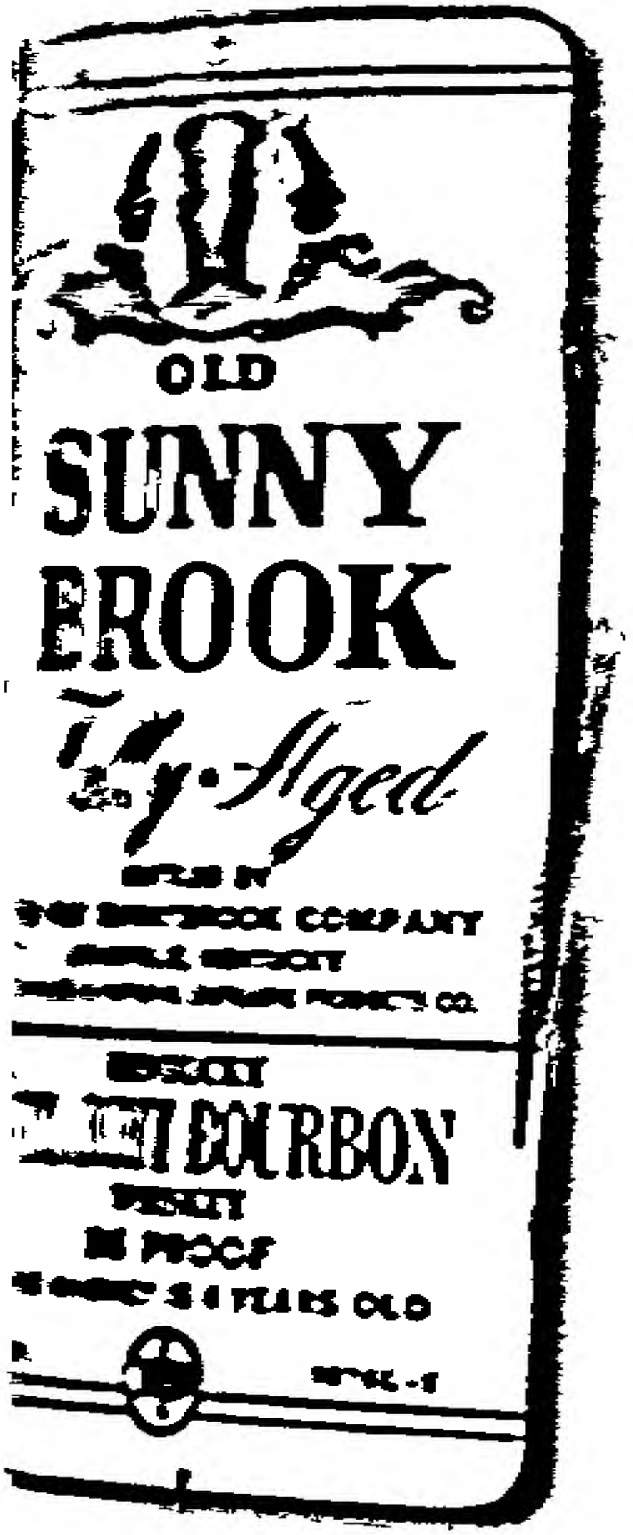
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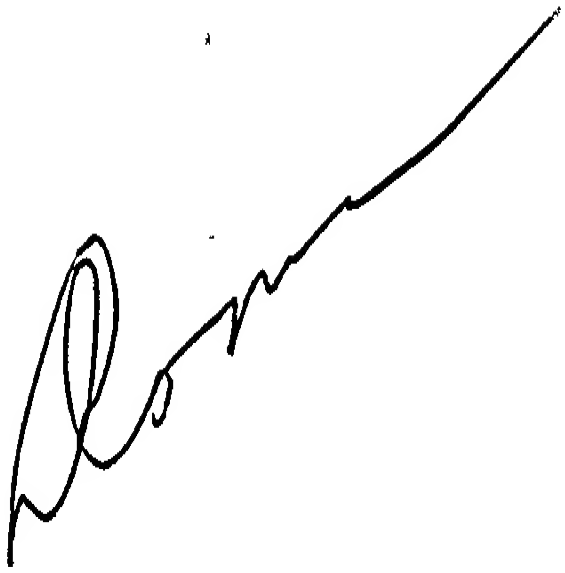



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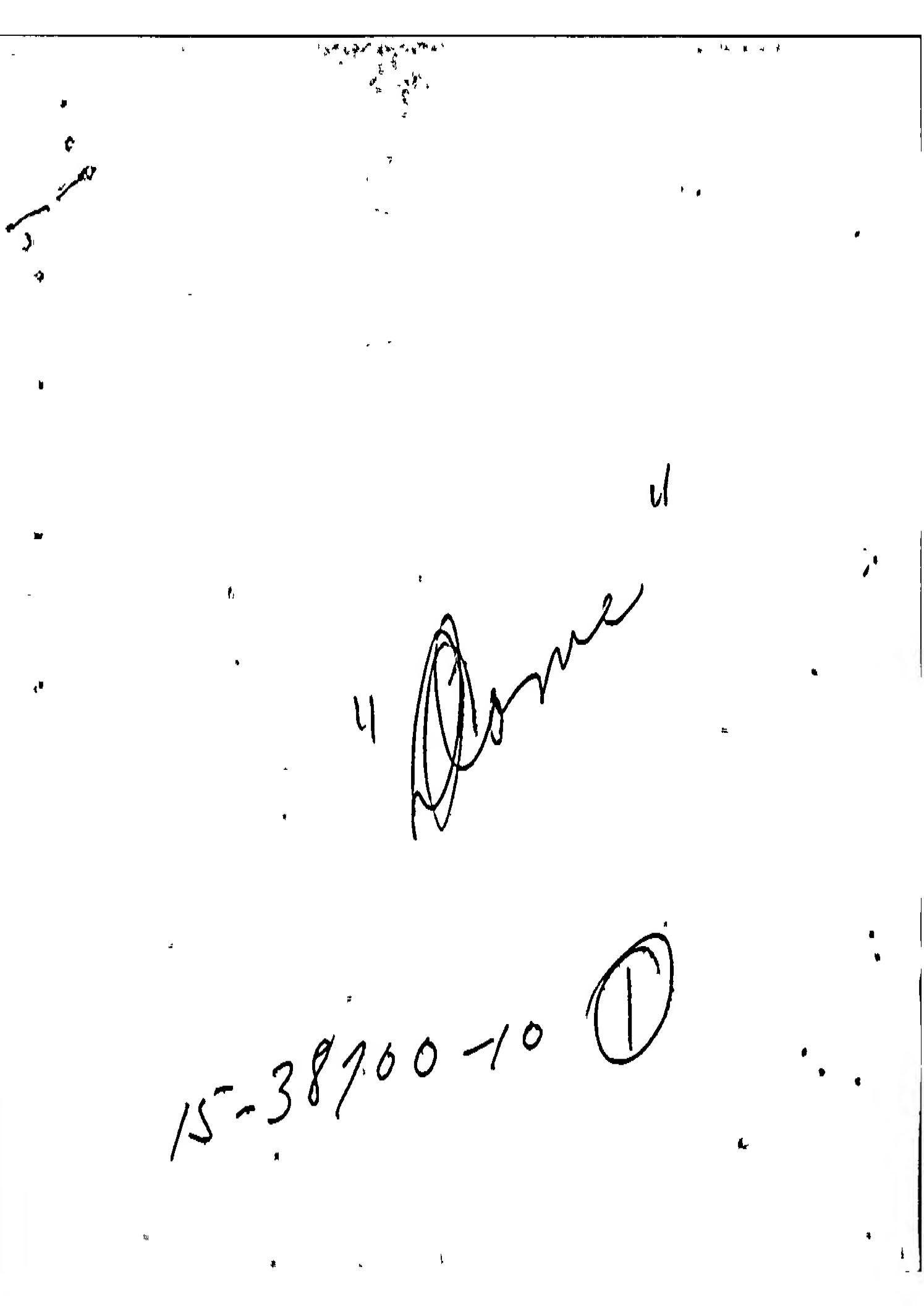
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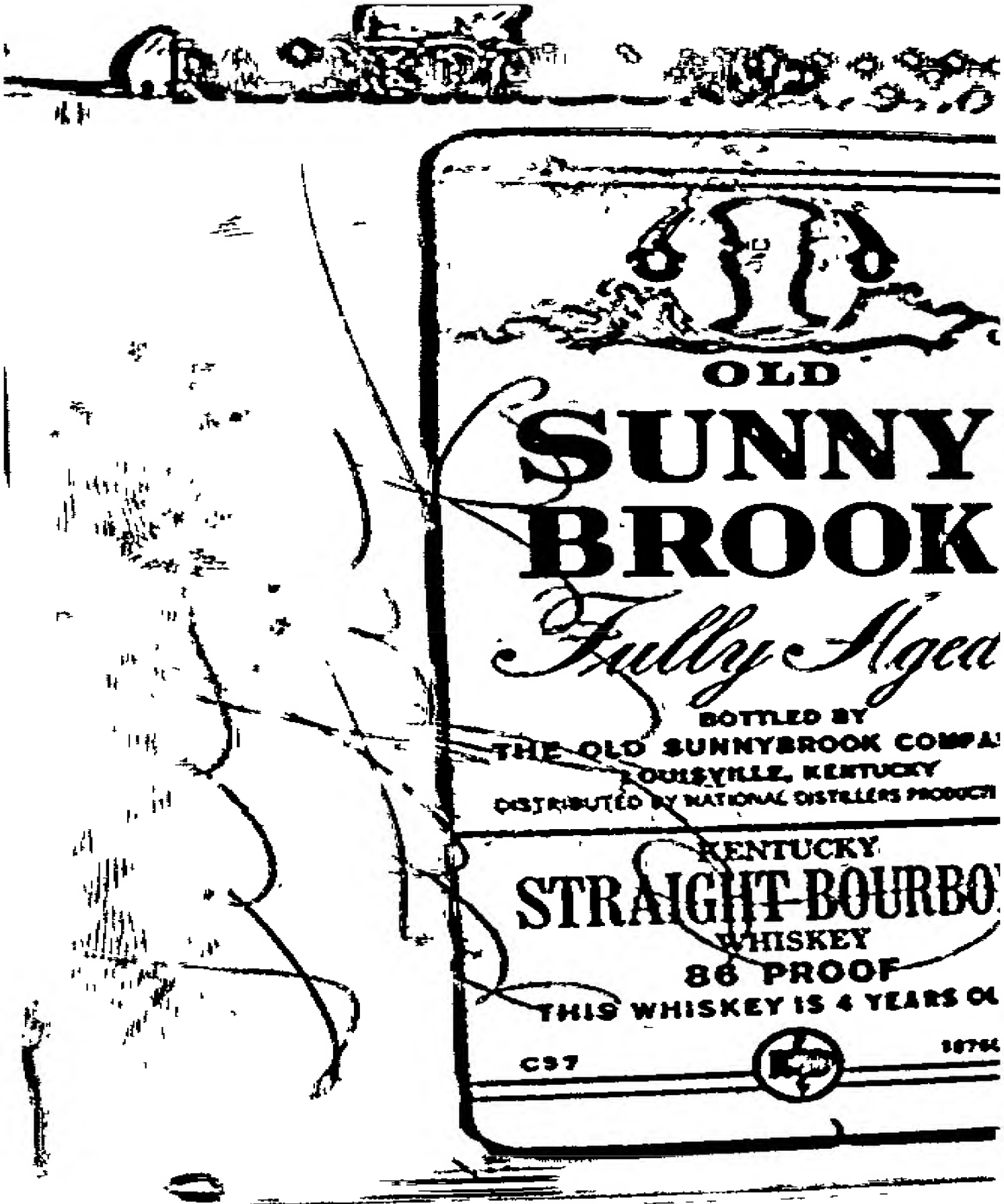
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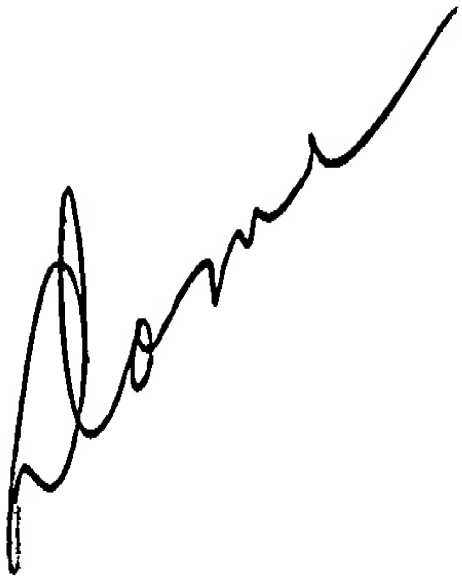


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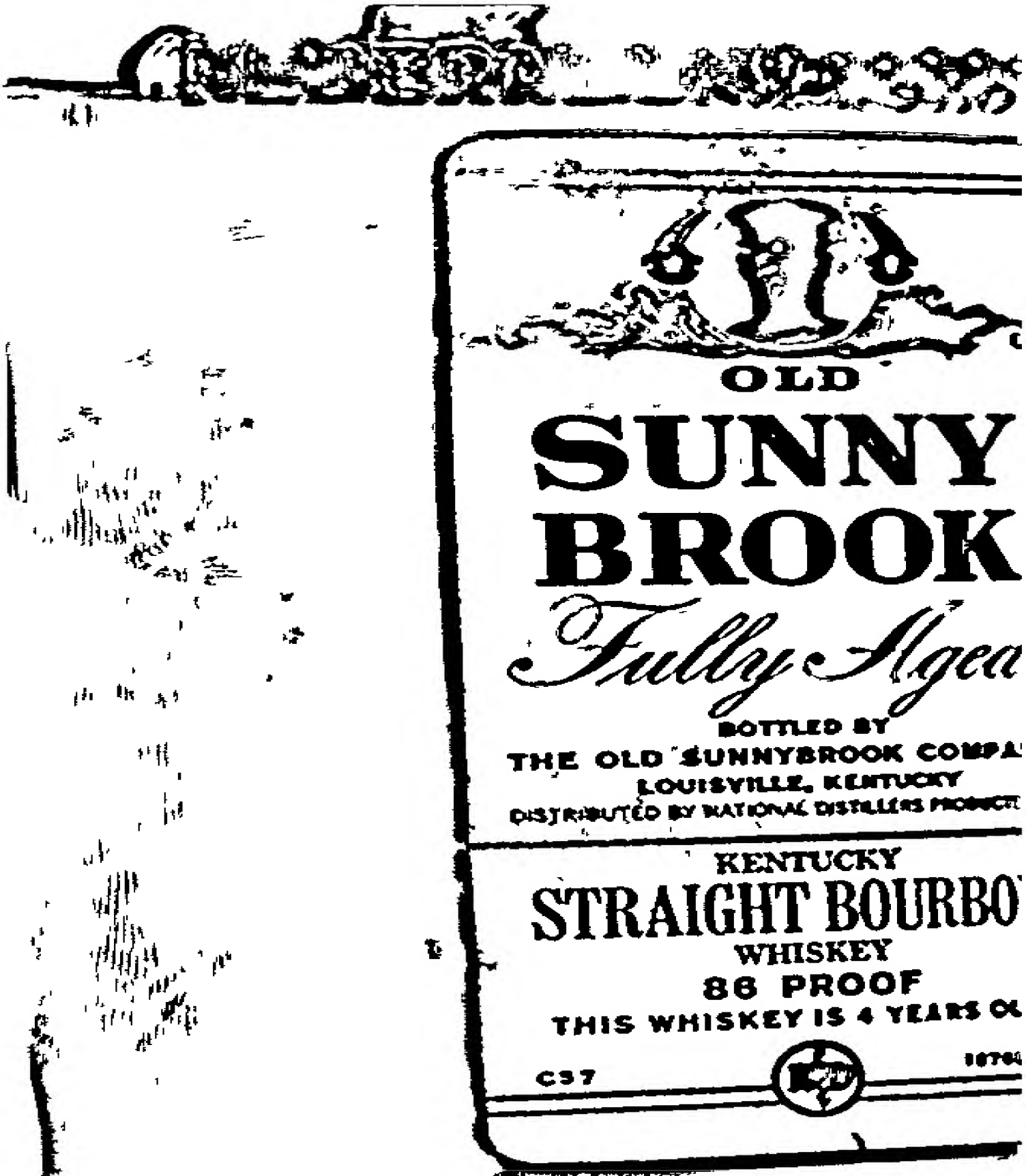
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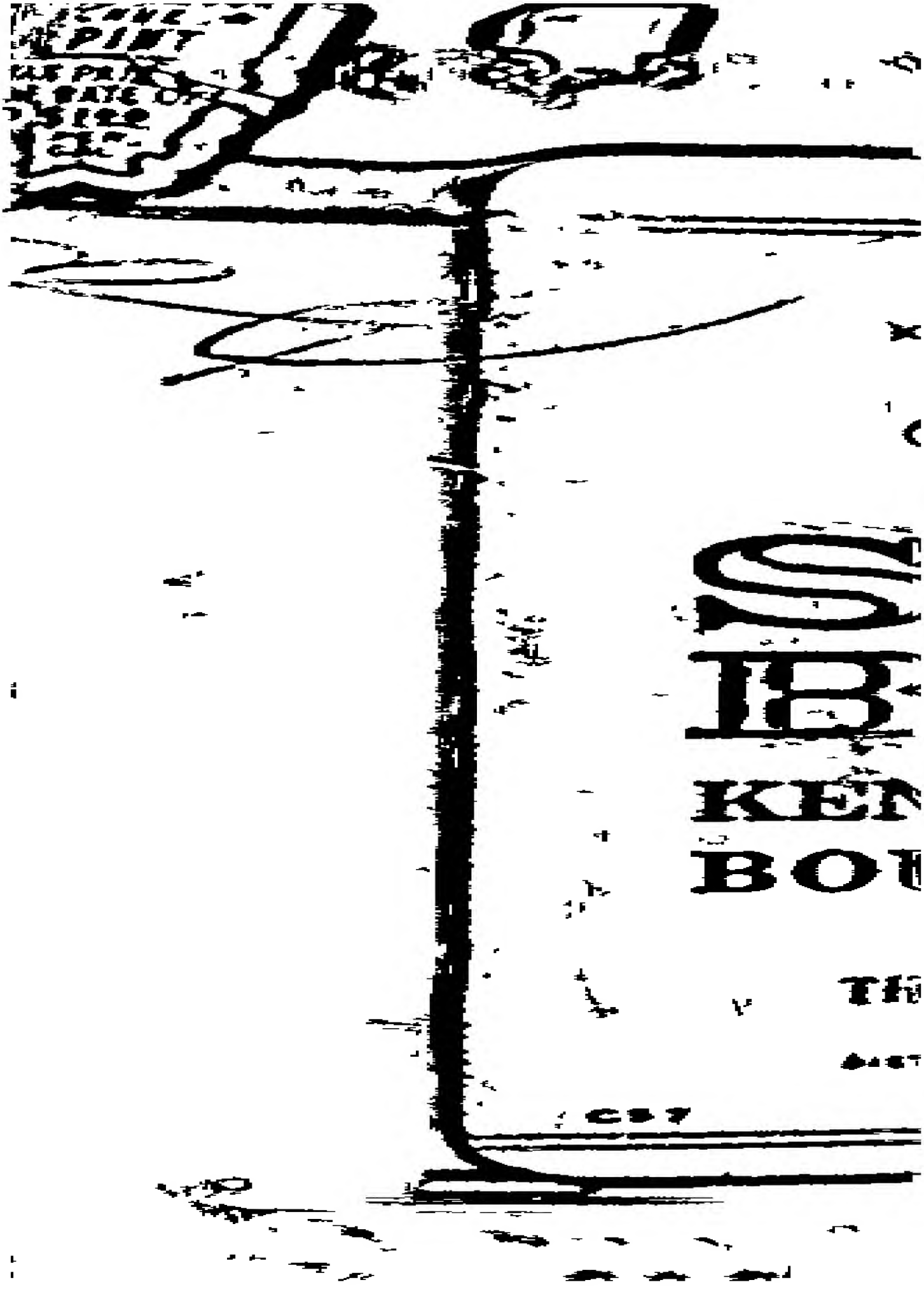
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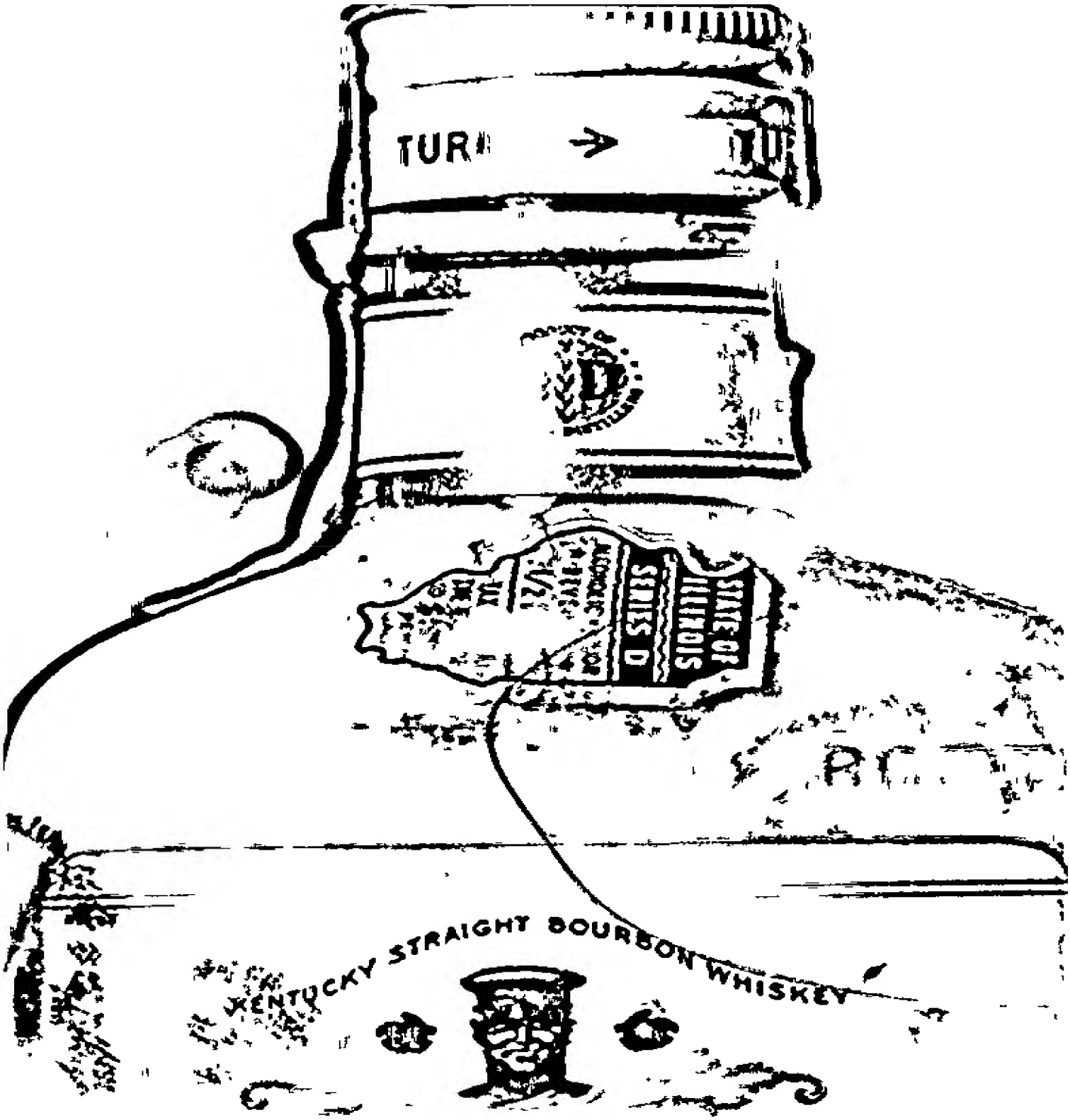
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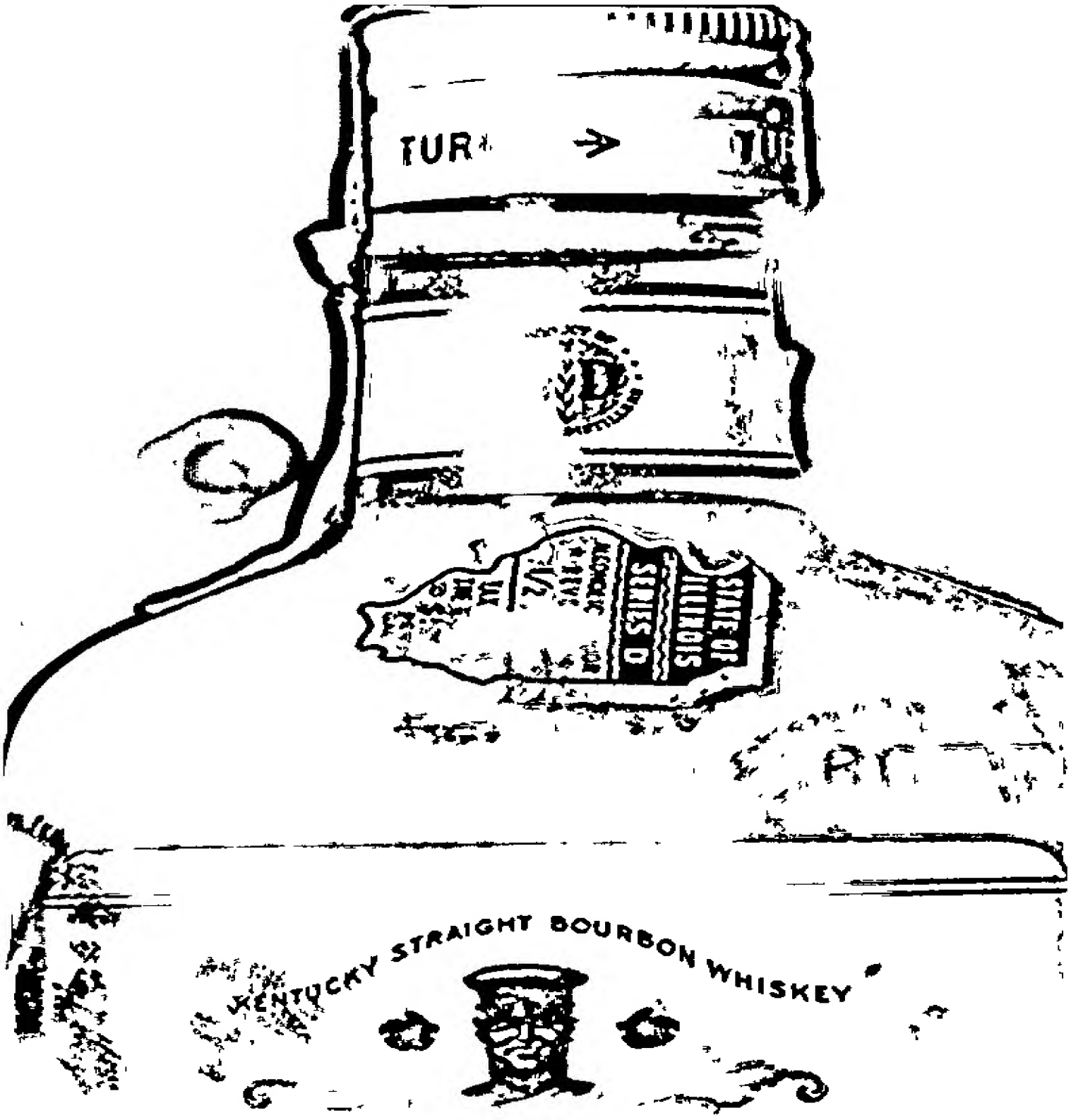
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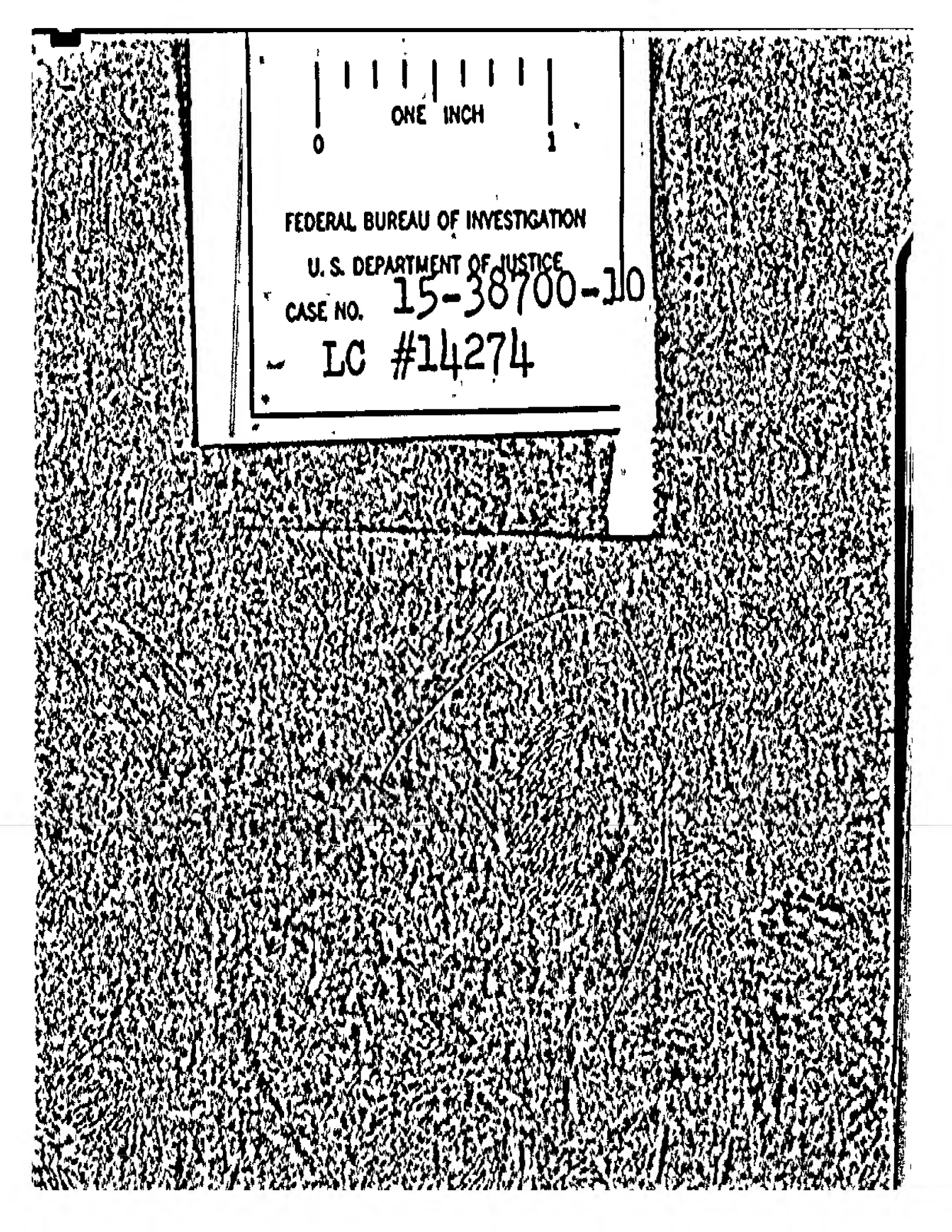
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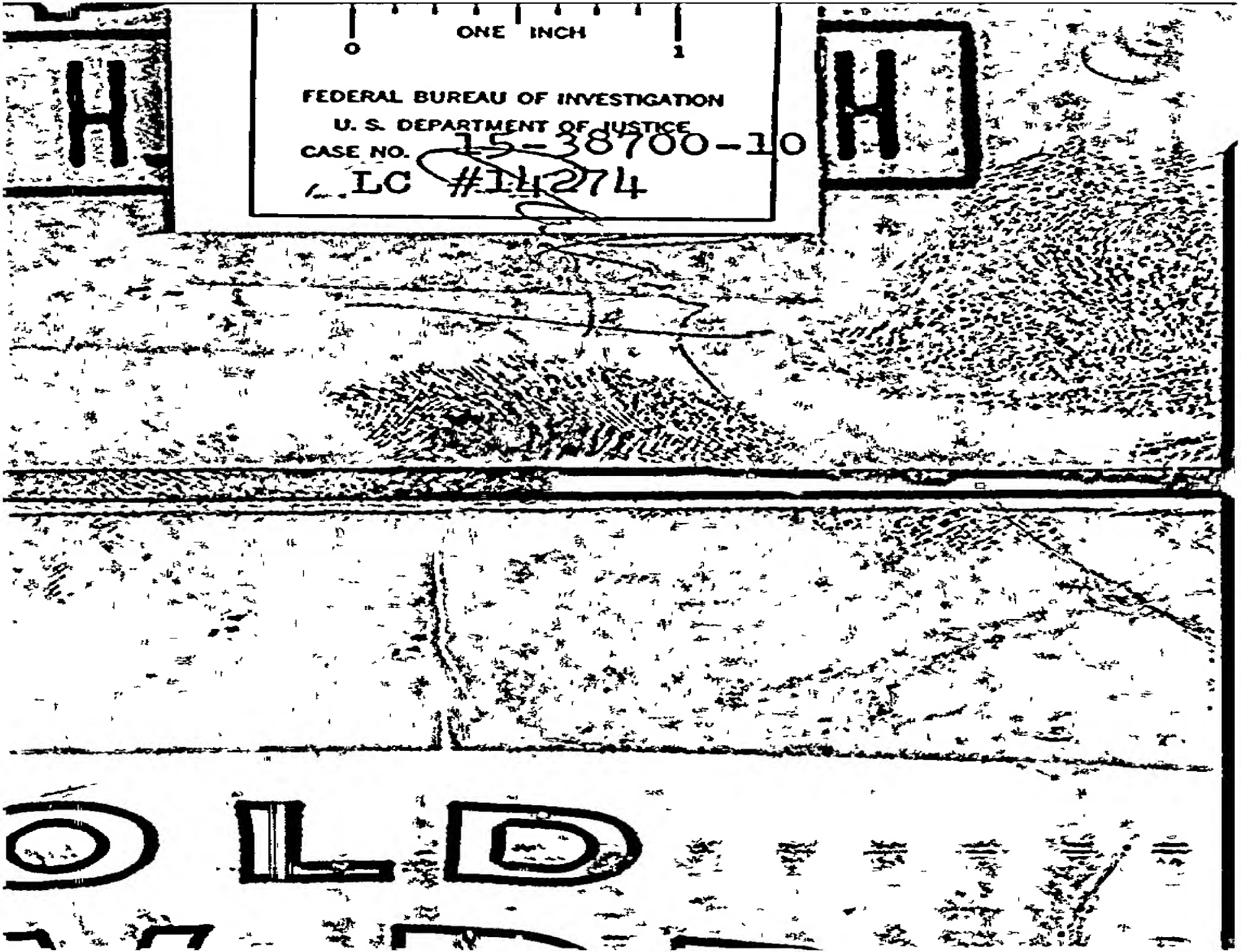
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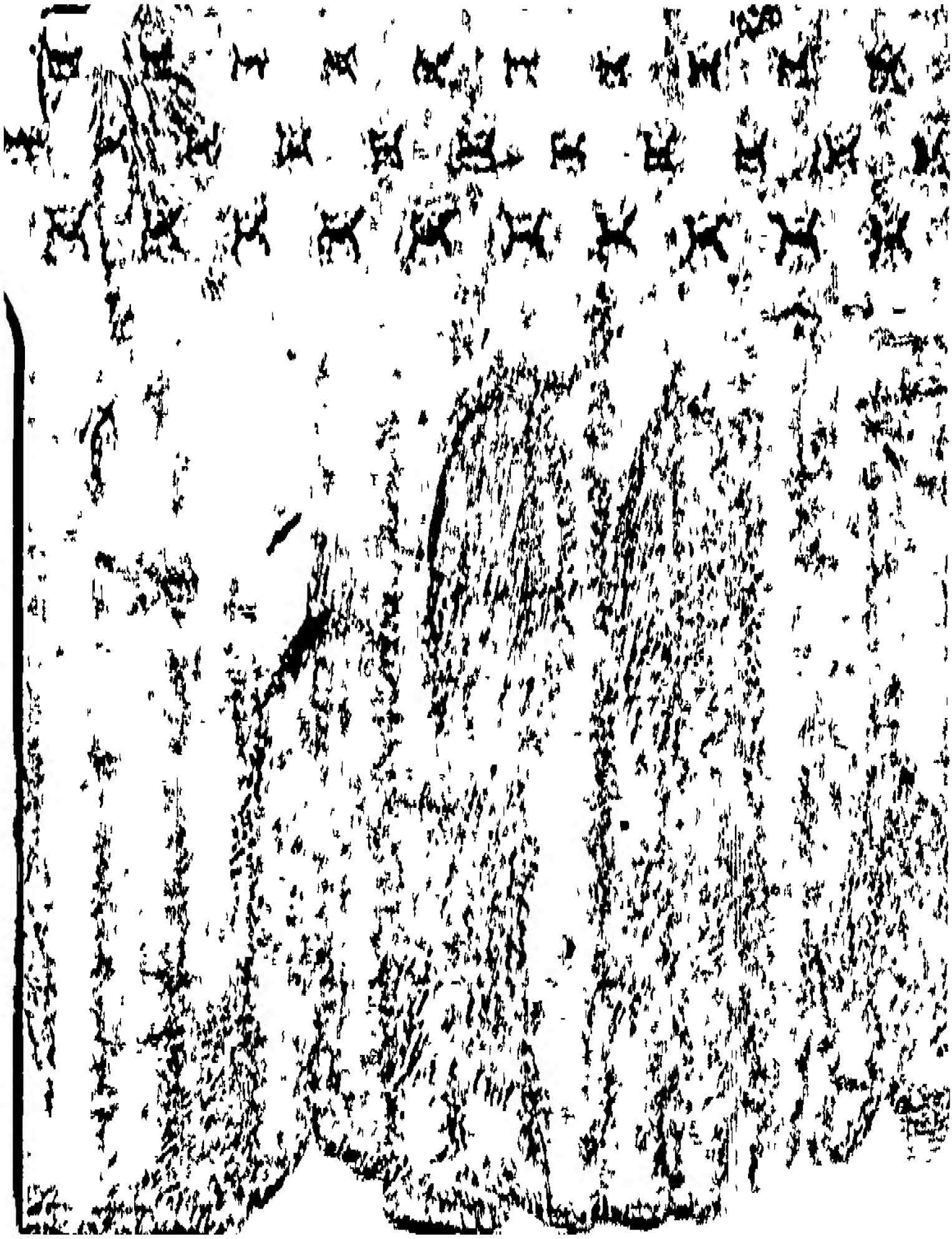
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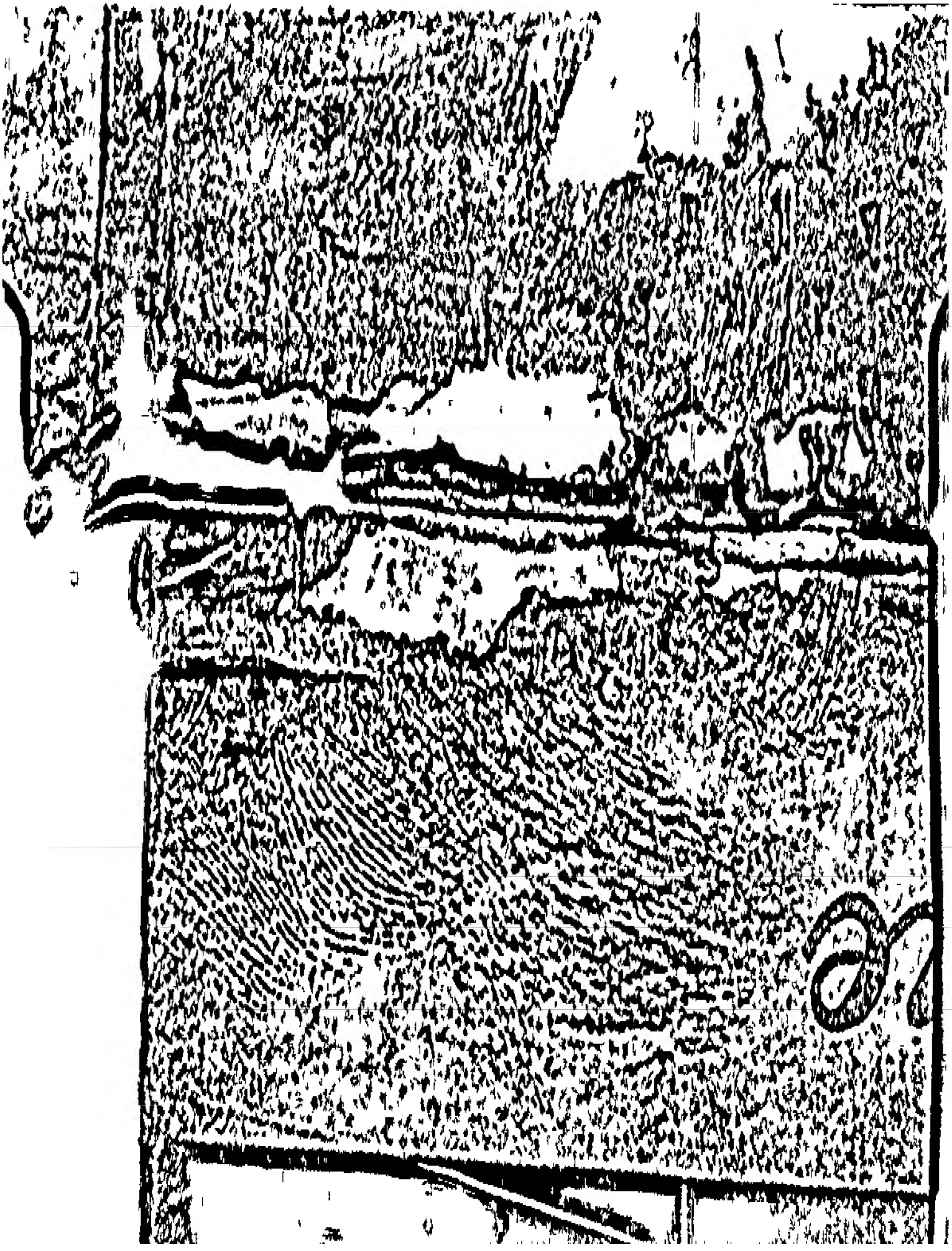
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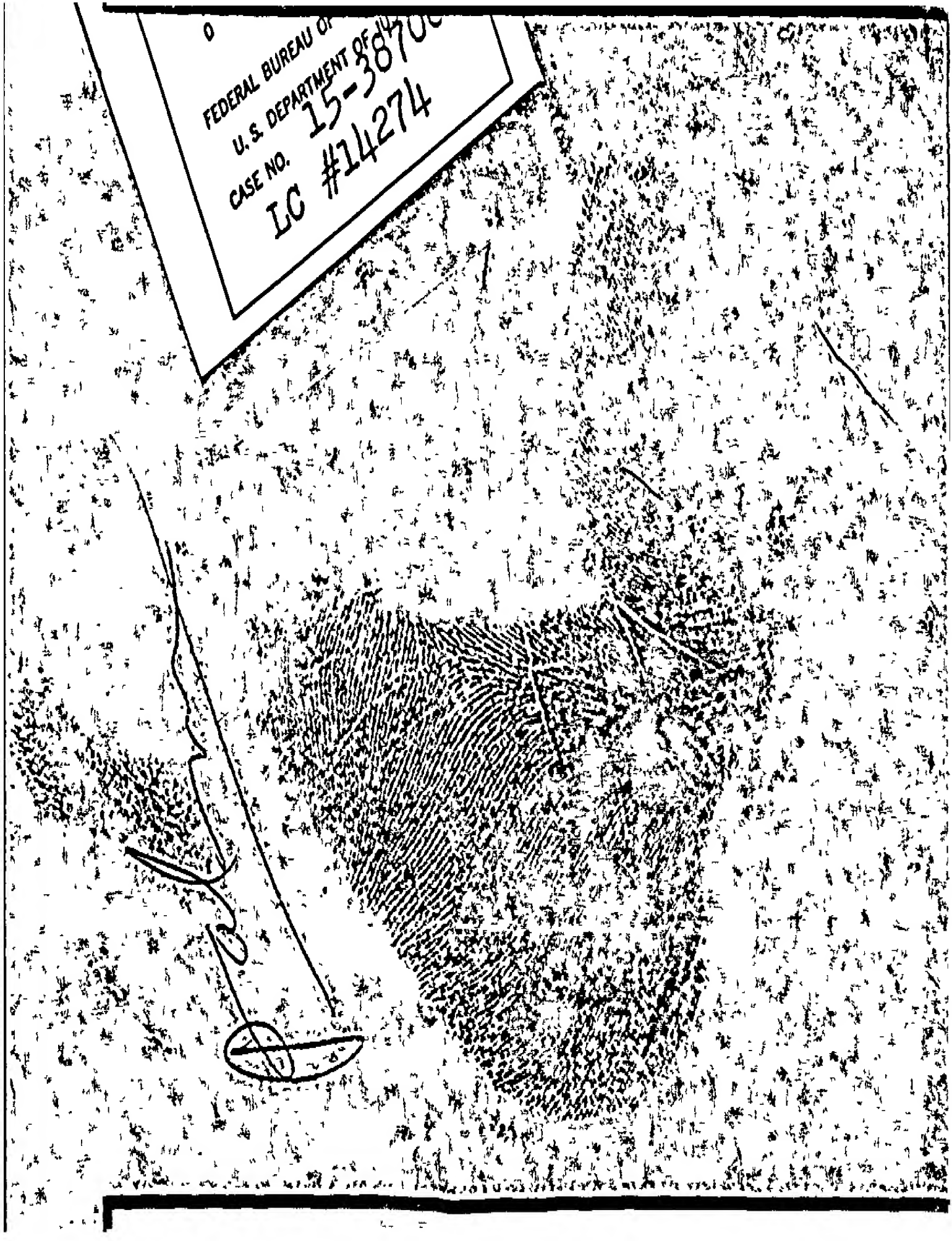
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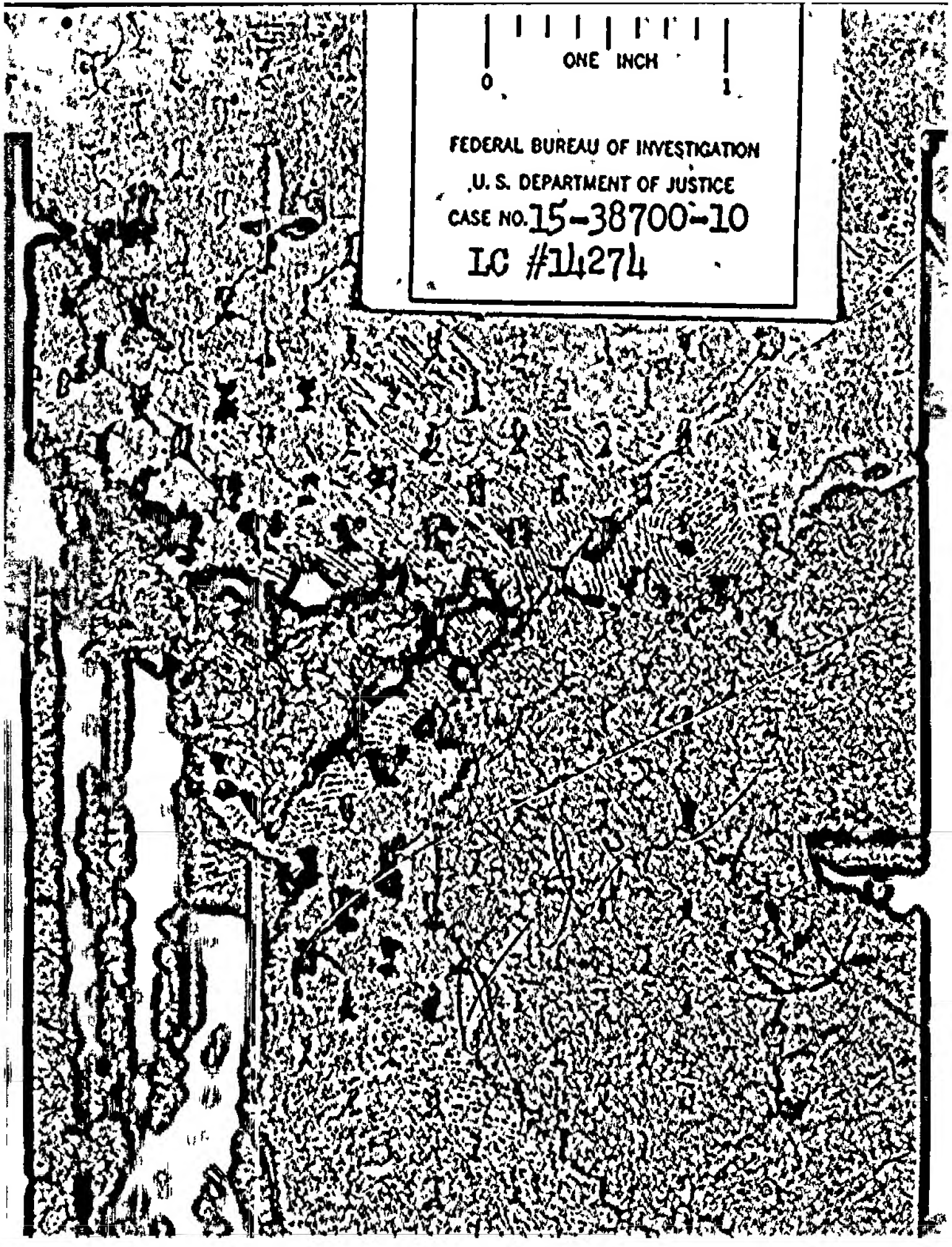
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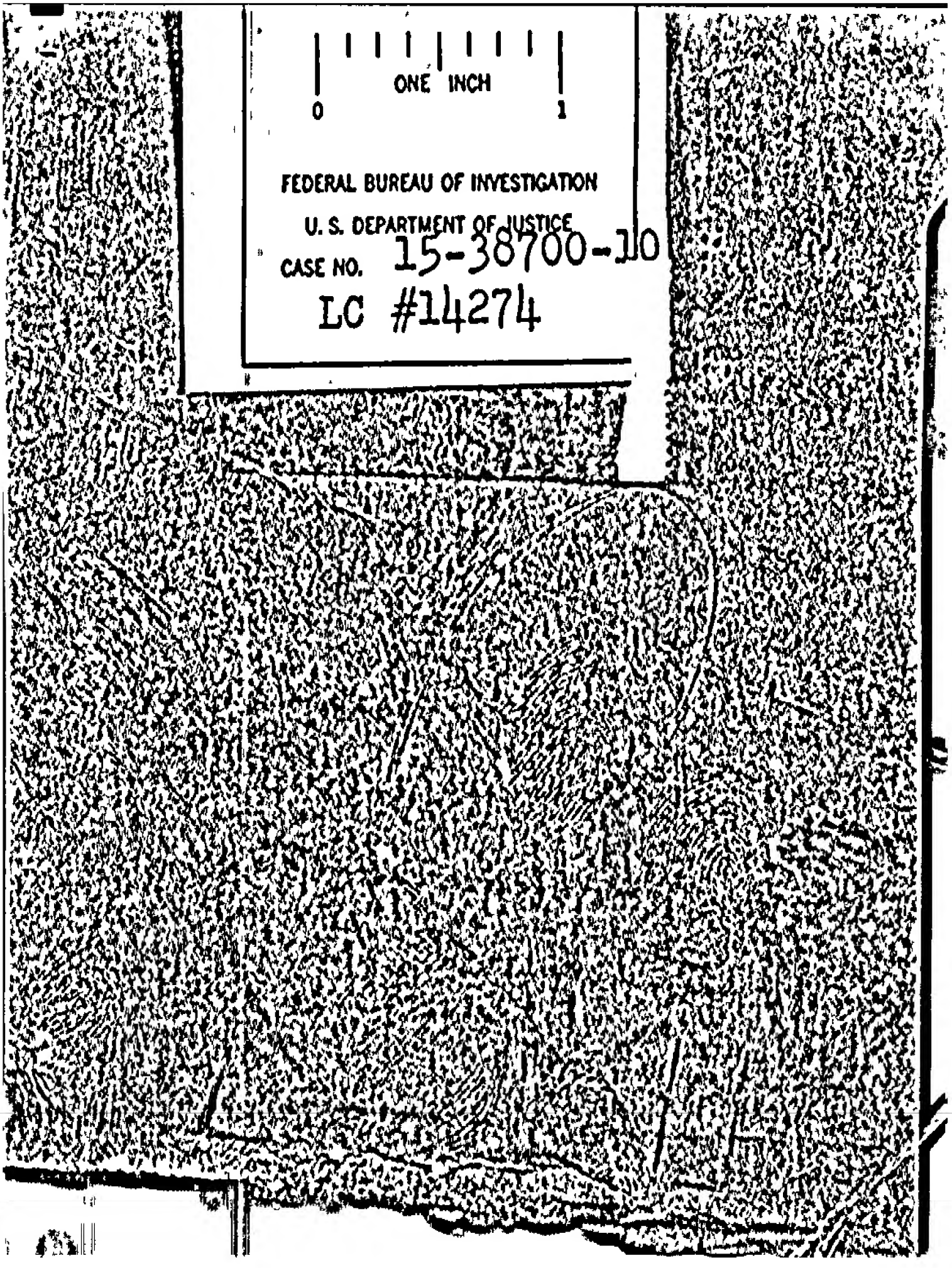
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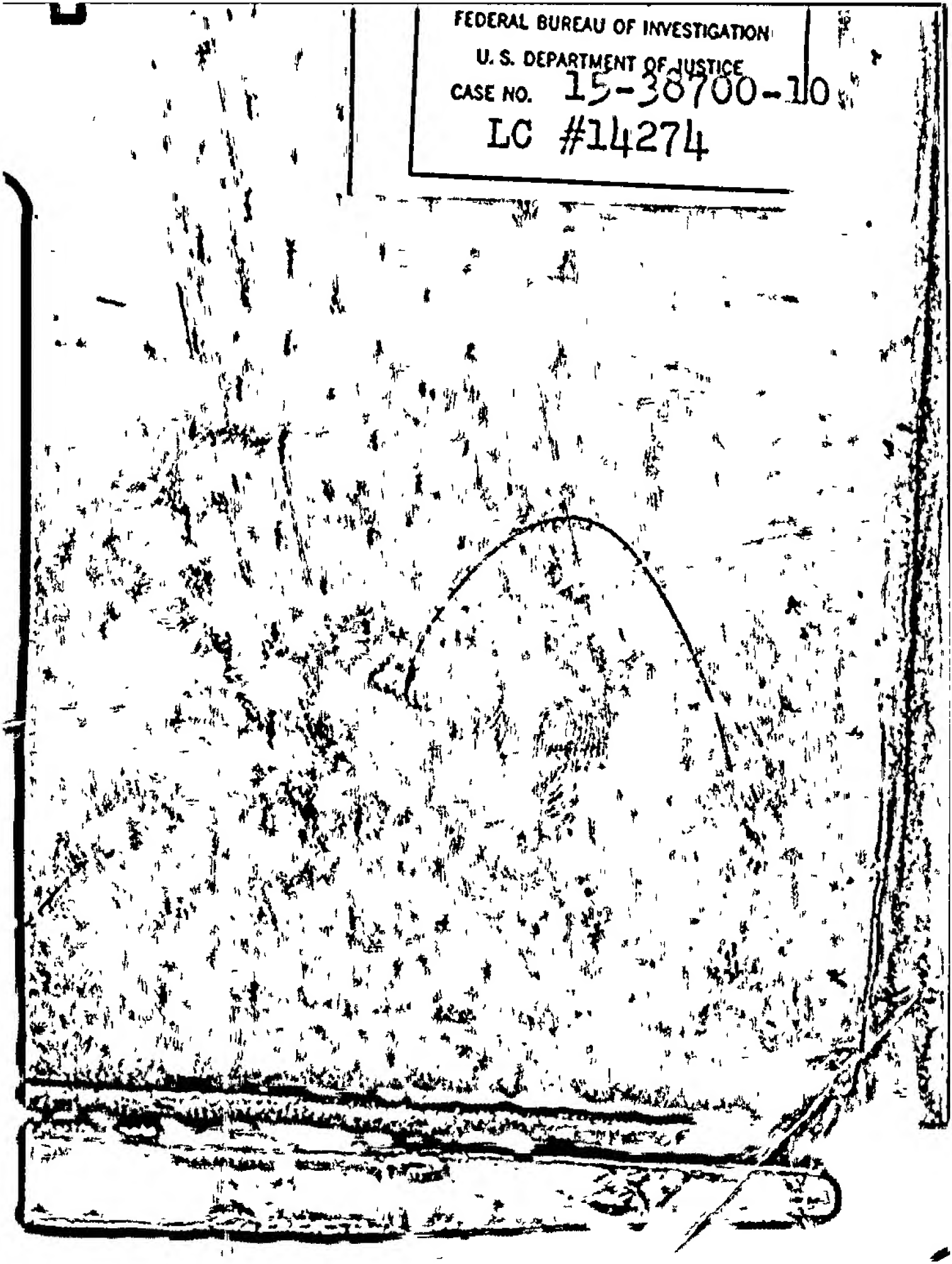
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carton # 15-89436

corner cup outside

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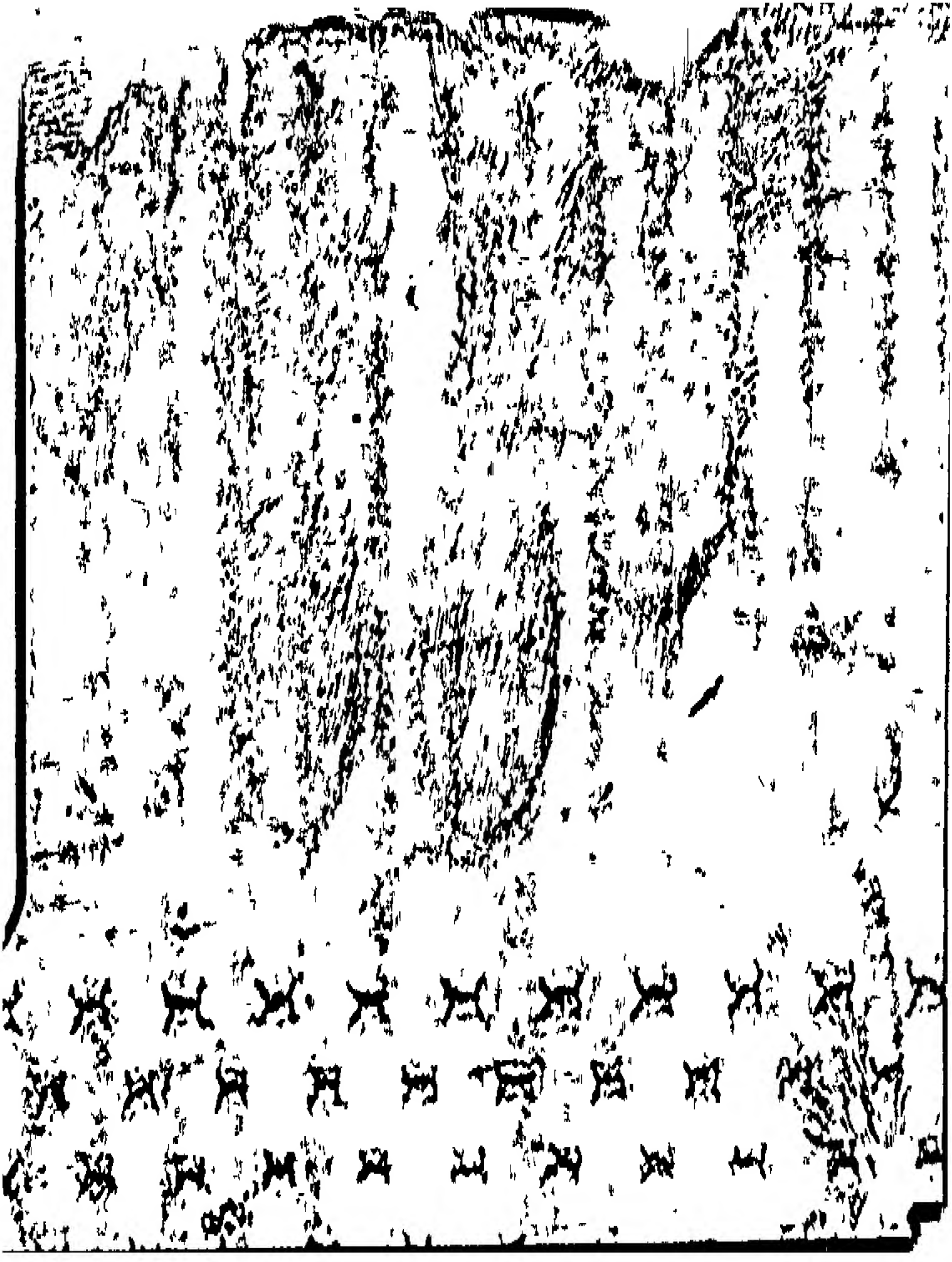
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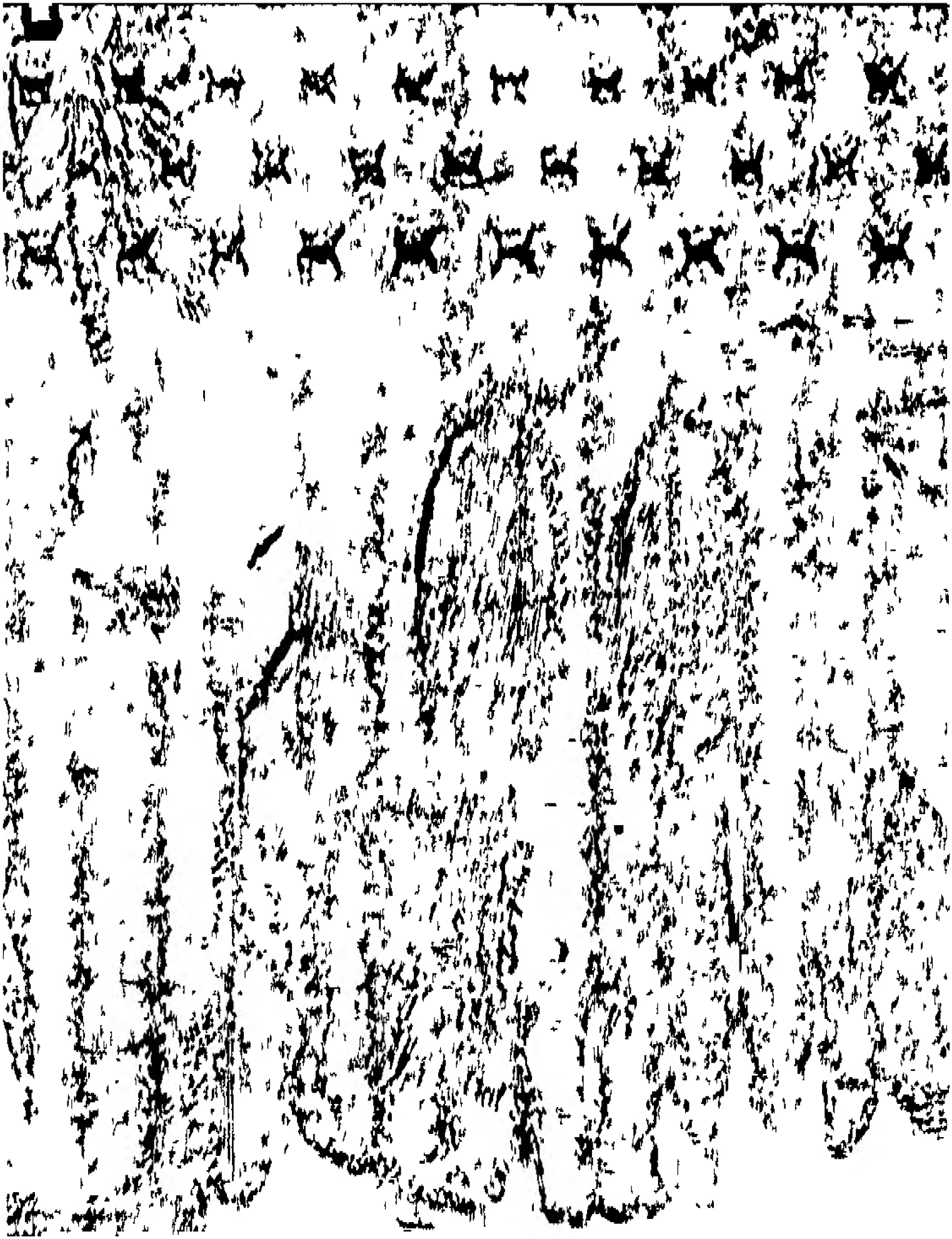
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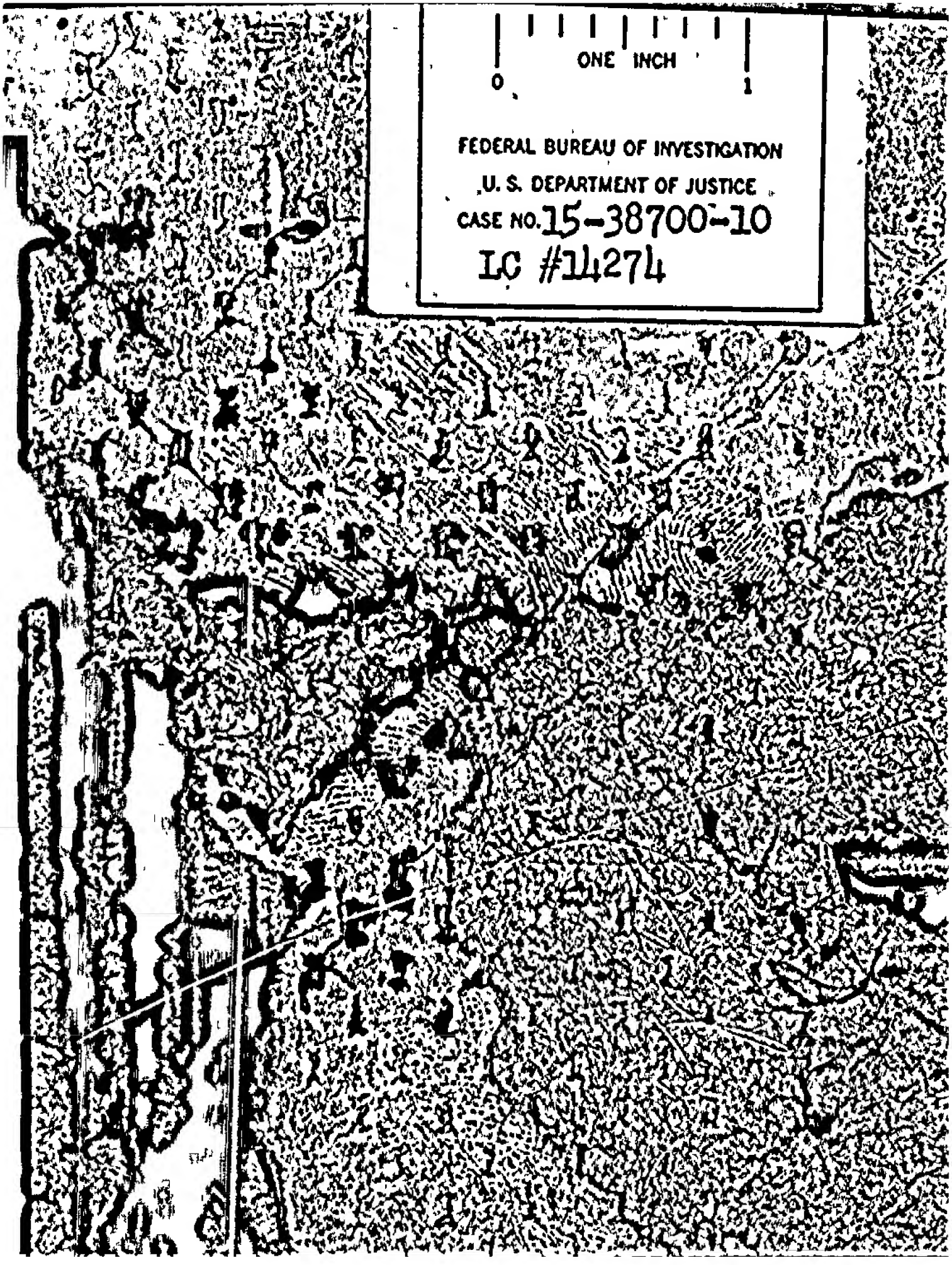
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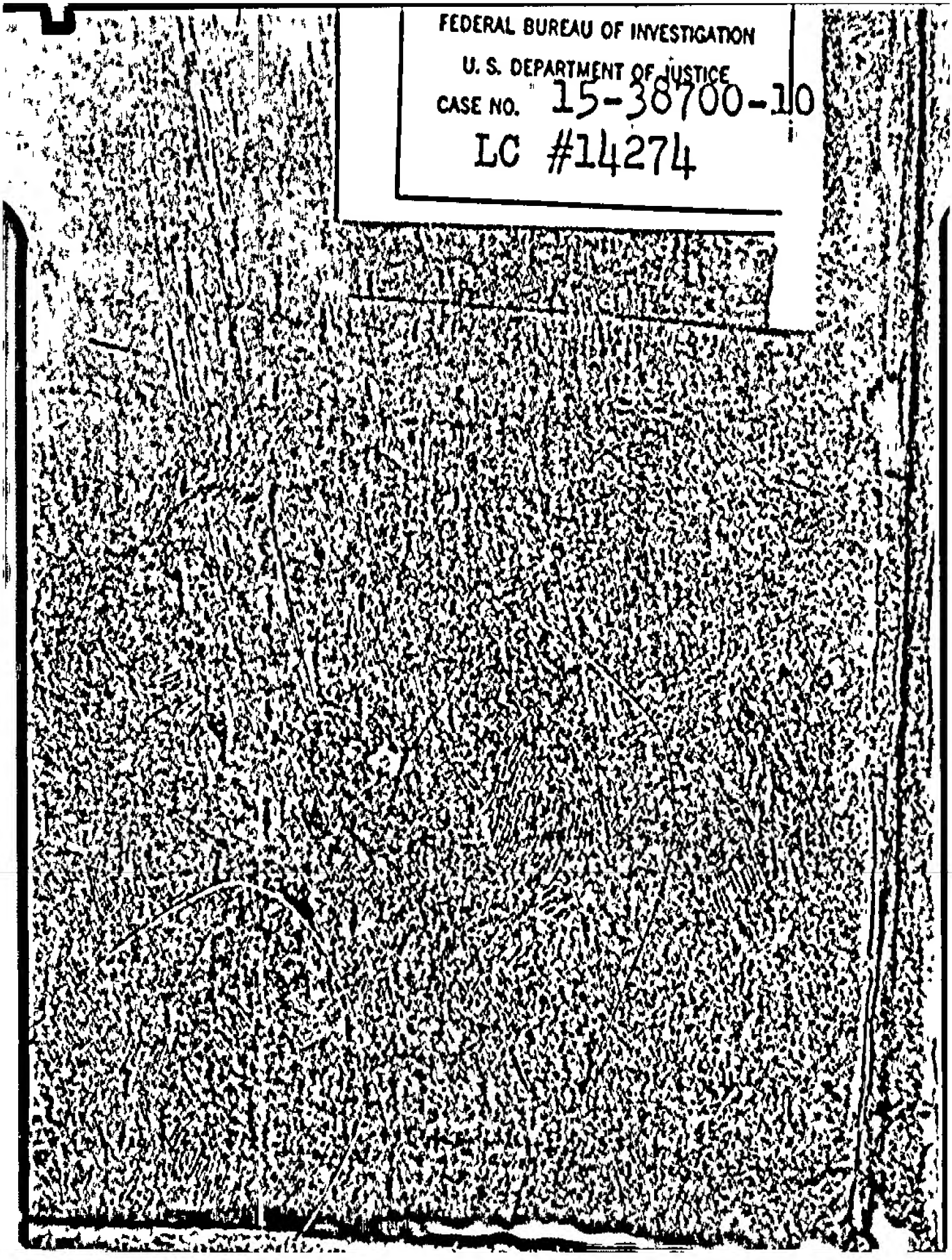
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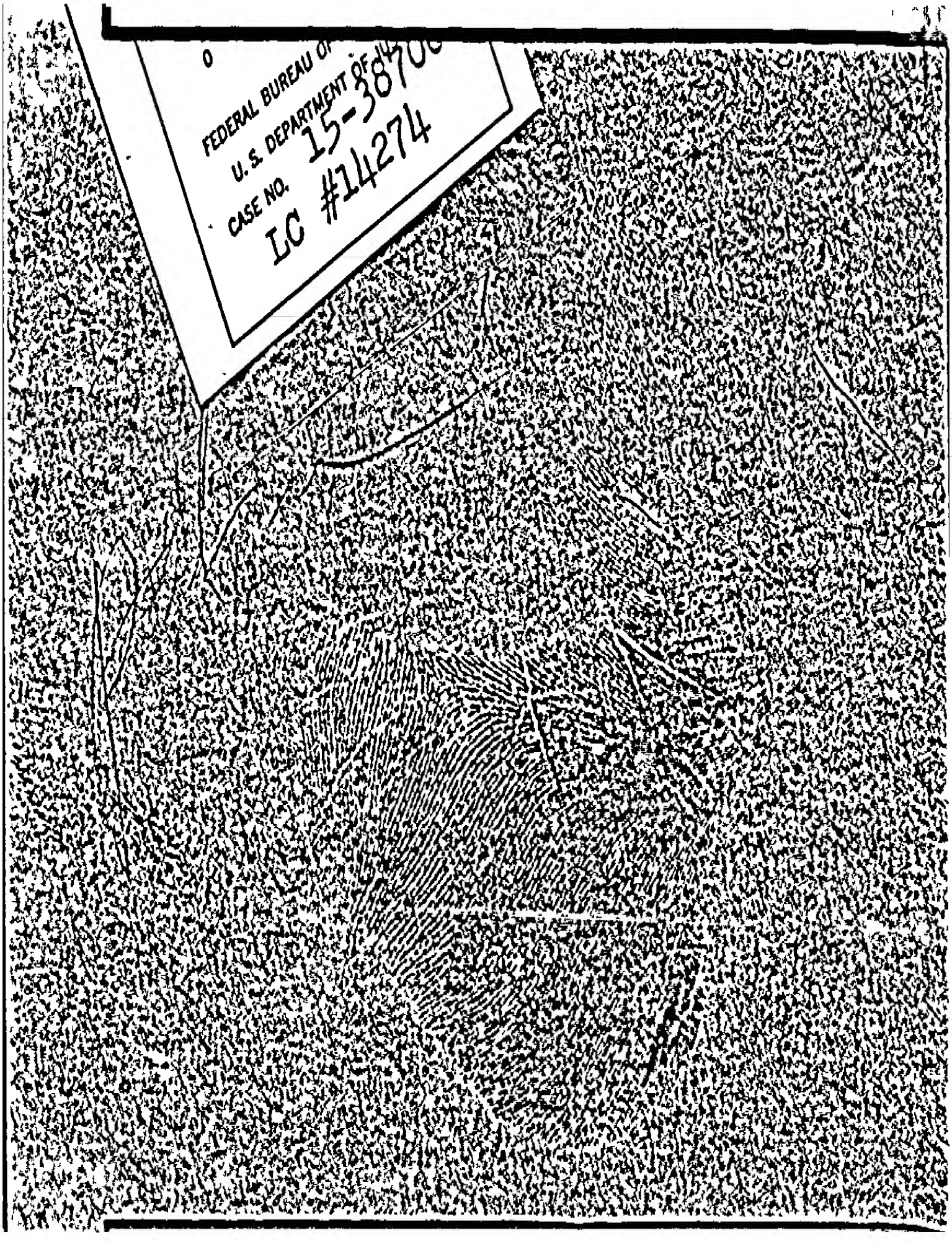
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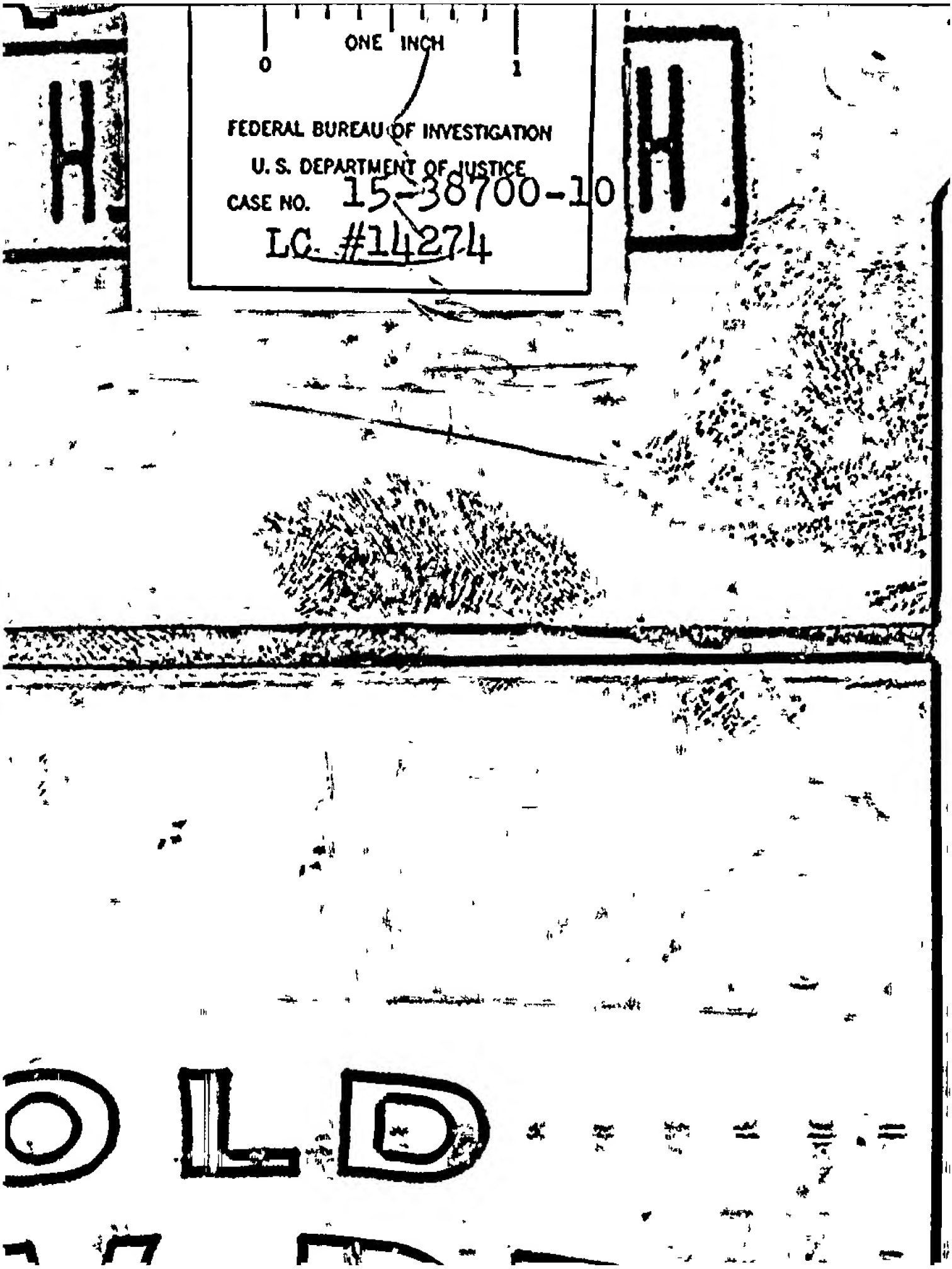

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Carton #5-89-82
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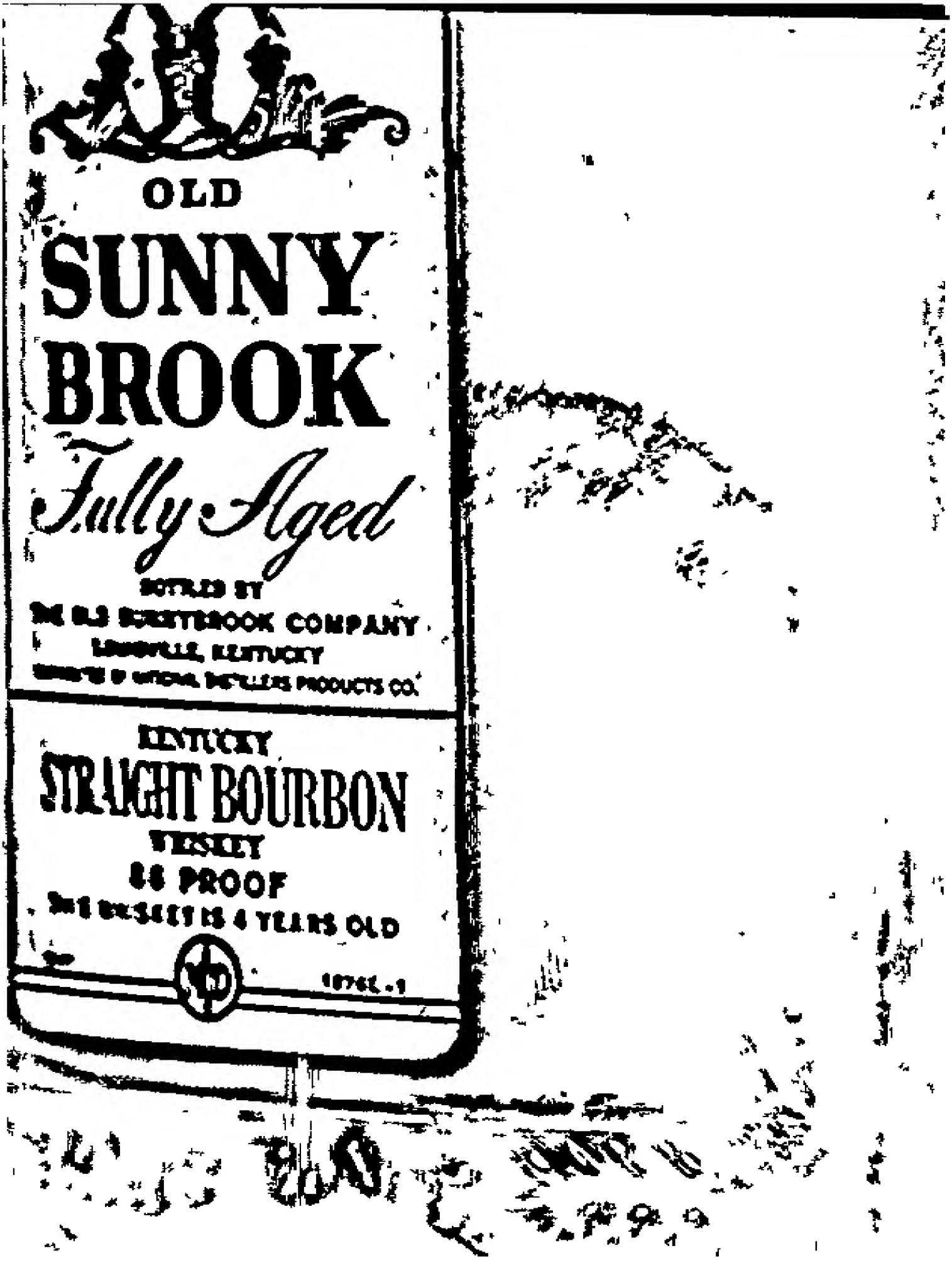
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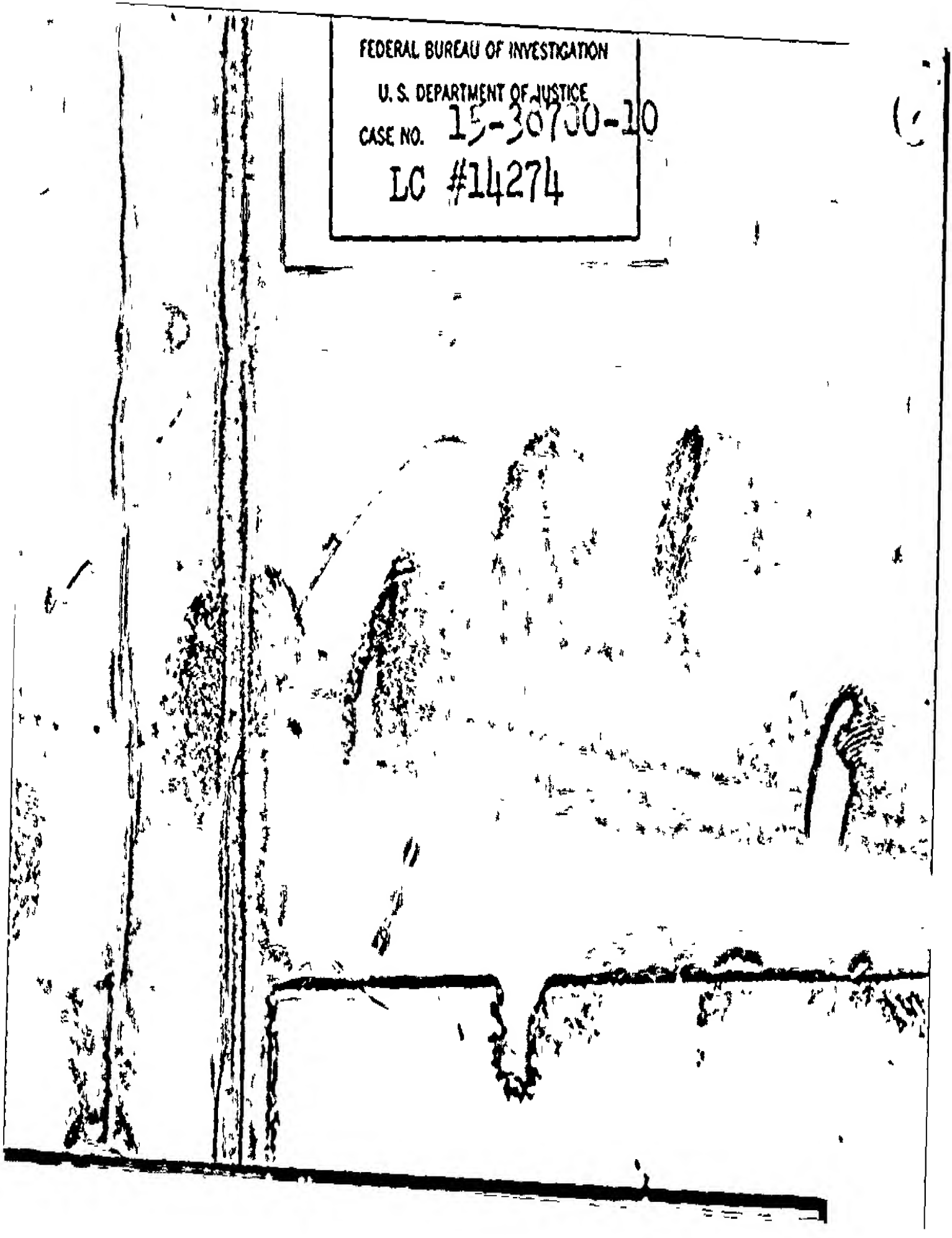
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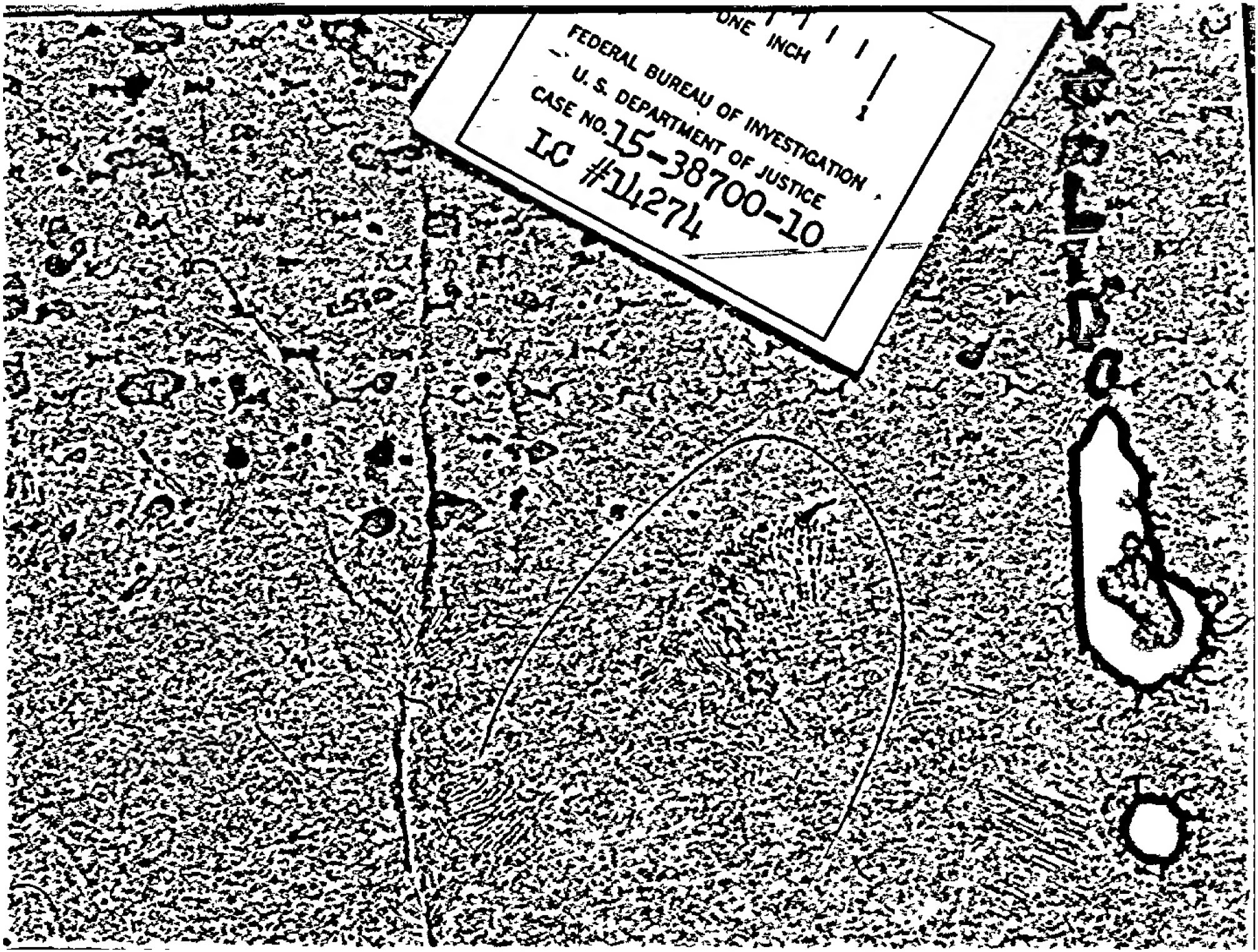
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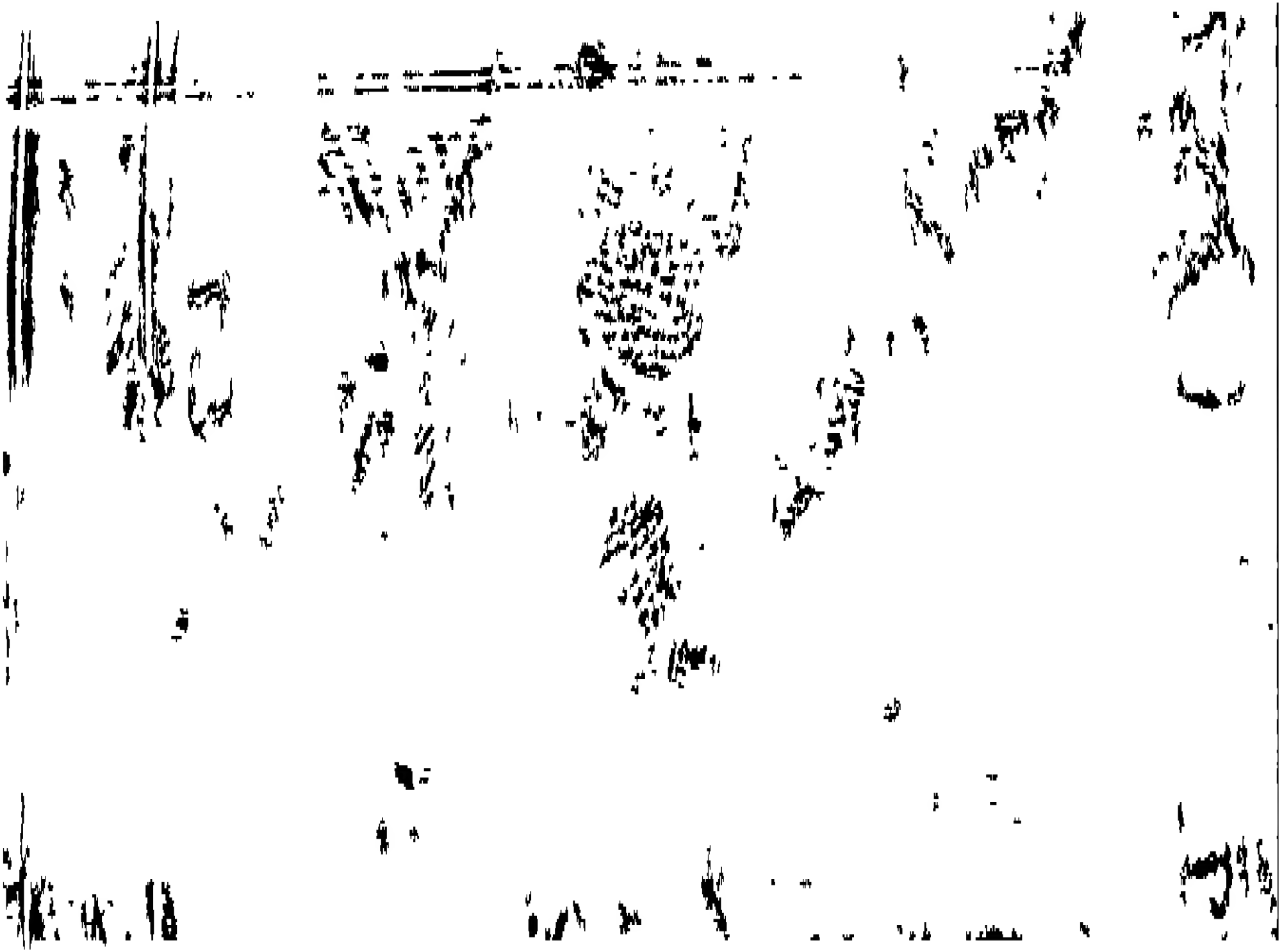
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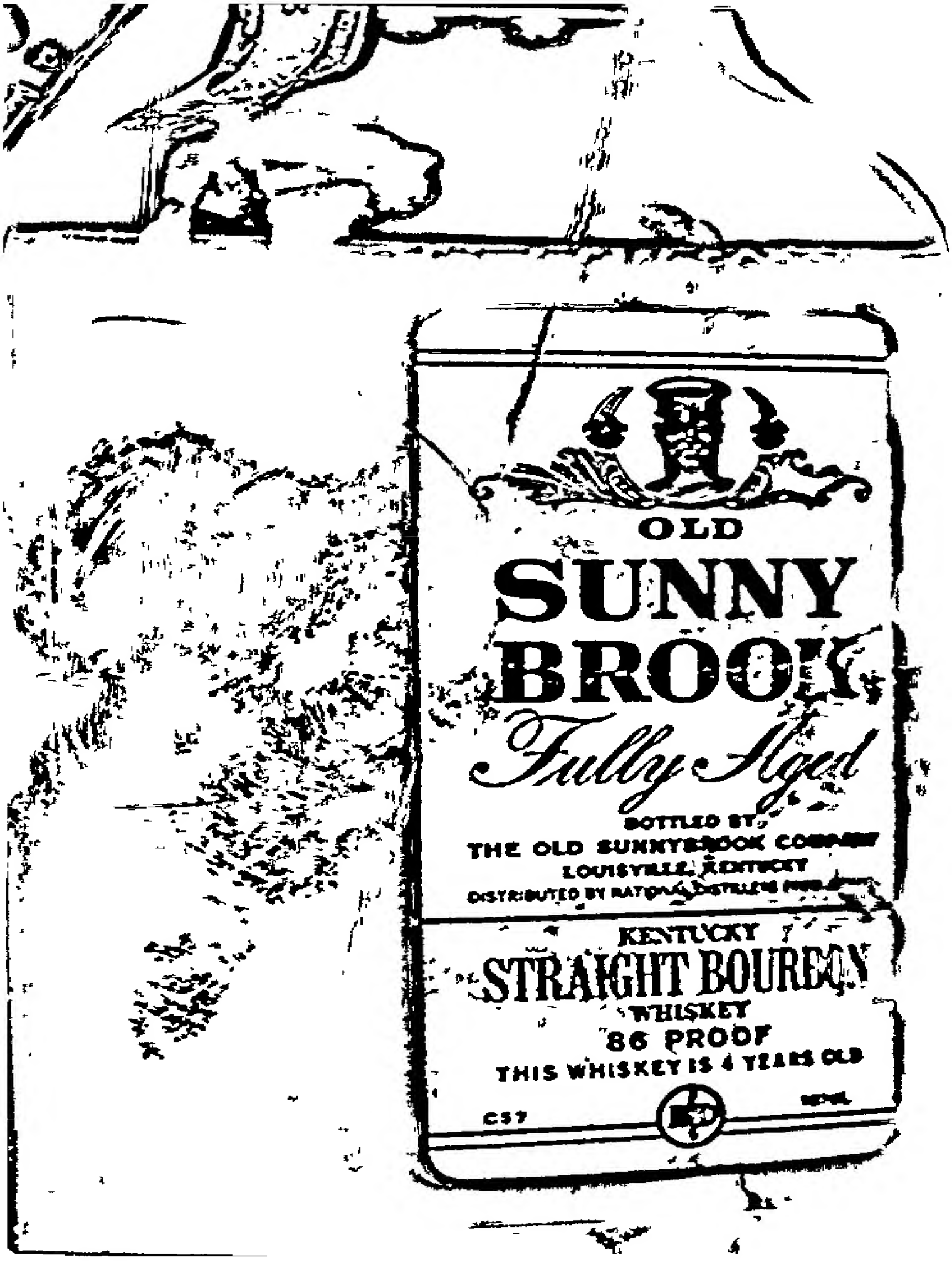
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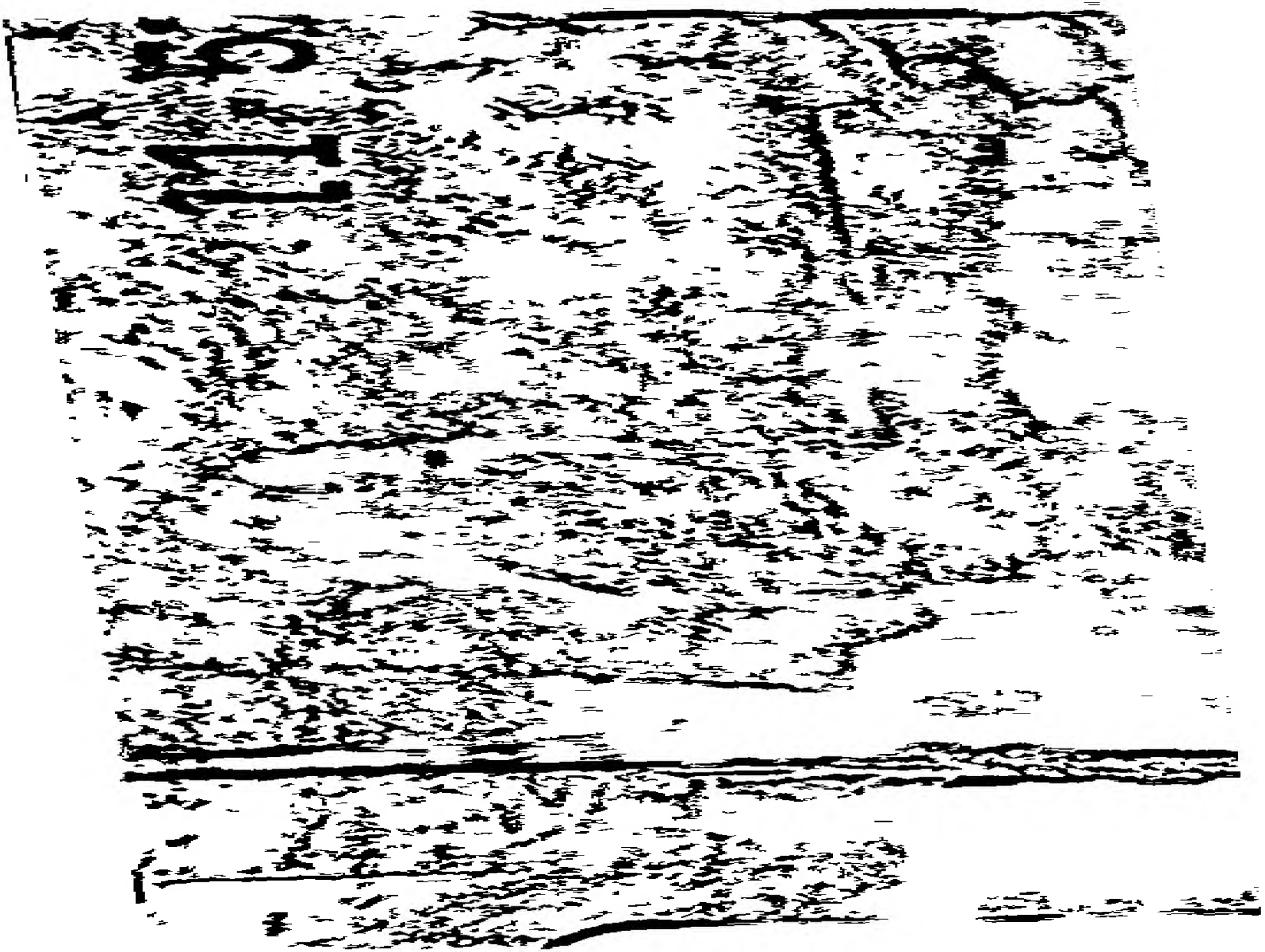

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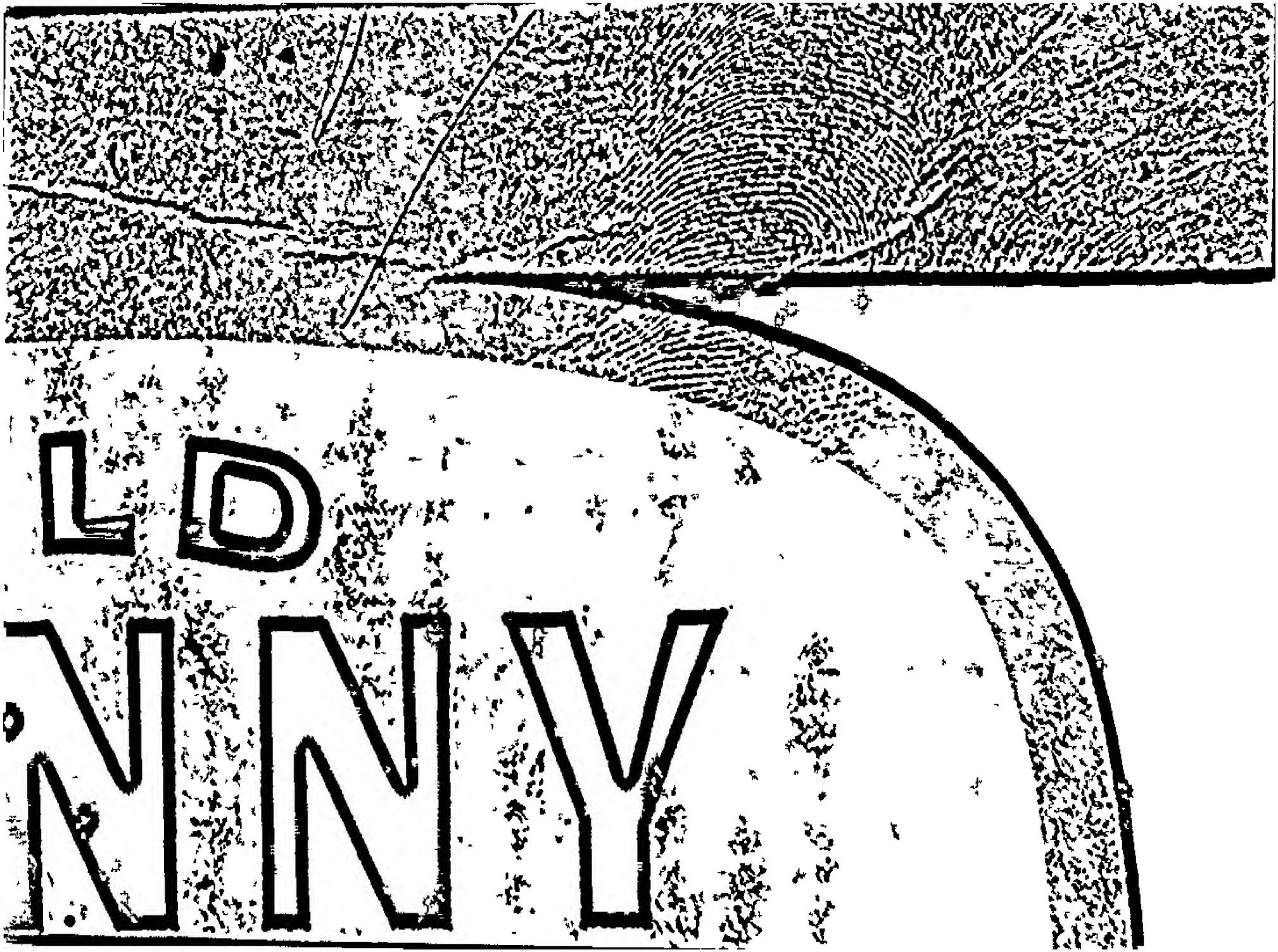
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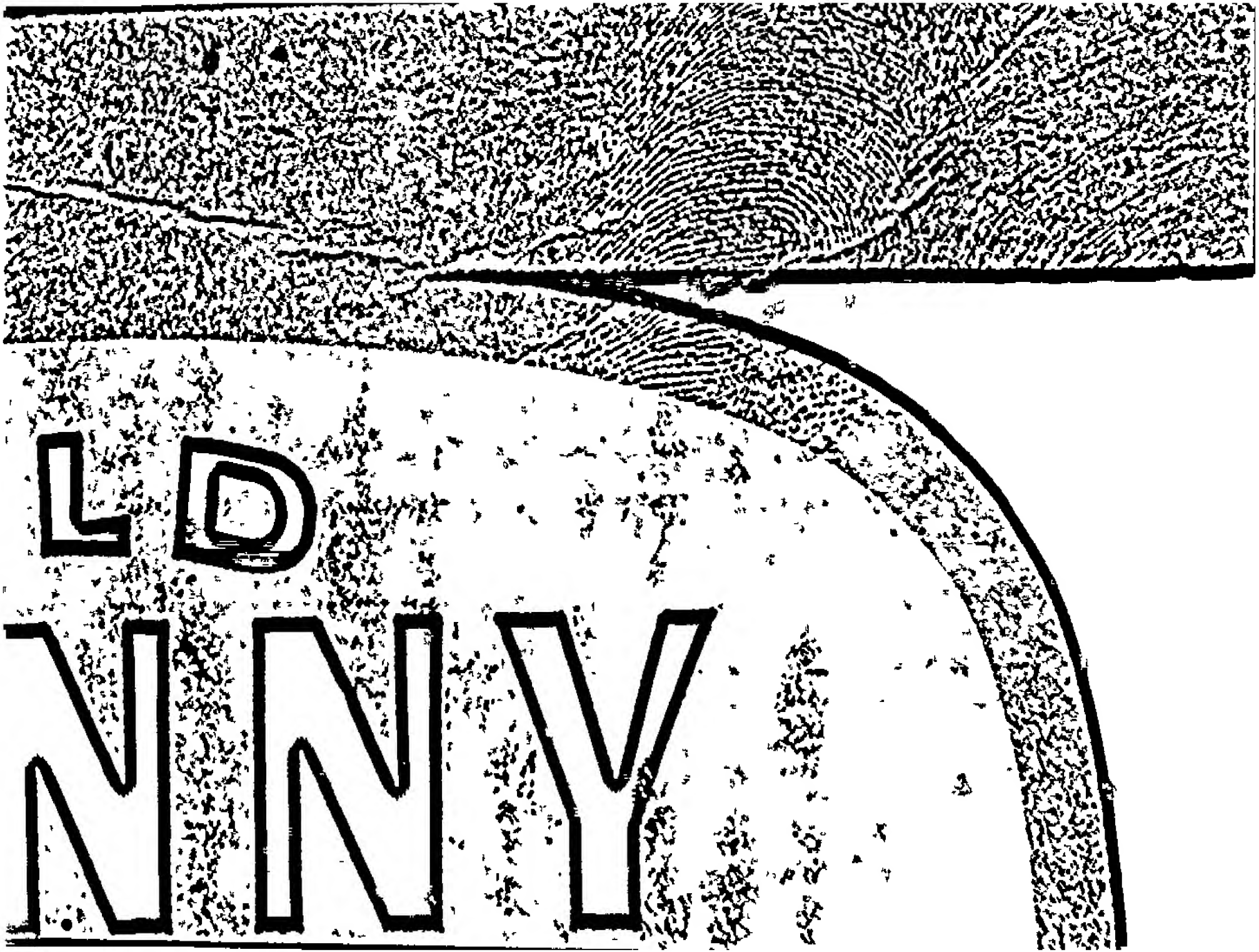
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Carton #J589085

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Report Form
FD-263 (5-12-55)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

2/20,21,26-28; 3/3,4,6,7,13,

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	5/5/58	17-20,24-27; 4/1,2,3,5,10,14,16,24, 29/58

TITLE OF CASE

[redacted] UNKNOWN

SUBJECTS; Theft of 875 Cases of Sunny Brook Whiskey from Indianapolis Forwarding Company, Chicago, Illinois, December 31, 1957

Report made by [redacted]

Type: FBI

CHARACTER OF CASE

THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT

Synopsis:

On 2/27/58, Bureau Agents recovered 65 cases Sunny Brook Whiskey from instant loss from [redacted] had knife in hand and was [redacted] Stated whiskey was delivered 2 or 3 weeks earlier by unknown person who then telephonically advised him on 2/23/58 to remove identifying marks on cases. [redacted] then observed whiskey for first time and concluded same had been stolen. He believed unknown person would pick up whiskey later in evening and invited Bureau Agents to stay at his home. AUSA, CG authorized arrest of [redacted] however, granted agents permission to remain in home with [redacted] consent. No pertinent activities during night. [redacted] arrested on 2/28/58. Same morning appeared before USC, CG, bond set at $1500.00 and same posted immediately. Hearing set for 3/13/58. Indictment filed 3/13/58, charging [redacted] with violation of Section 659, T18, USC. On 3/20/58, [redacted] entered plea of not guilty and trial scheduled for 5/20/58. On 4/10/58, defense attorney filed motion on behalf of [redacted] to suppress evidence. On 3/17/58, ATTU Agents found 27 cases instant whiskey at Cafe Continental, 5½ cases at Silver Domes Lounge and 1½ cases at the Flame Tavern. On same date Bureau agents recovered stolen whiskey from above

DISPOSITION SHEET DETACHED AND HANDLED SEPARATELY

ENCLOSURE

Approved [redacted] Special Agent in Charge

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premises, [redacted] Cafe Continental, advised he was unaware of presence of instant whiskey on premises. Silver Domes Lounge, leased to JERRY DALE, later identified as being JERRY COVELLI, FBI # 1995290, whereabouts at time unknown. Recent employees at Silver Domes had no information regarding instant stolen whiskey on premises, however, COVELLI identified as having proprietary interests. [redacted] in the Flame Tavern, claims whiskey on premises when [redacted] whereabouts unknown. Upon authorization of AUSA, CG, [redacted] and [redacted] arrested late P.M., 3/17/58 and held temporarily by CG PD. On A.M. of 3/18/58, [redacted] and [redacted] appeared before USC, CG, bond set at $2000.00 and $1500.00 respectively and same immediately posted by bonding company. Hearing scheduled for 4/3/58. AUSA, CG dismissed complaints against [redacted] on 4/3/58 and will consider later presentation to FGJ. FBI Laboratory reported latent fingerprint impressions of [redacted] FBI [redacted] appeared on 5 half pint bottles recovered from Silver Domes. ATTU Chemist reported that quantity of open stock whiskey taken from Silver Domes and Flame Tavern, found not to contain substance originally placed therein and showed similarity to the stolen Sunny Brook whiskey found there, indicating Sunny Brook whiskey used for refilling. Recovery value 99 cases of Sunny Brook whiskey, $4,486.68. Disposition sheets submitted.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (15-12848) DATE: April 25, 1958

Dictated: April 23, 1958

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted] UNKNOWN
SUBJECTS; Theft of 875 Cases of
Sunny Brook Whiskey from Indianapolis
Forwarding Company, Chicago, Illinois
December 31, 1957
THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT

At 5:00 p.m., March 17, 1958, [redacted] was interviewed by the writer [redacted] the Cafe Continental. Also present was Special Agent [redacted] of the Alcohol Tax and Tobacco Unit (ATTU). [redacted] said that [redacted] the Cafe Continental, and that he had been able to locate a key for the storage room which [redacted] ATTU Agents in order that they could examine the whiskey stock in the storage room.

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He said that he was not aware of the fact that the key to the room was available [redacted] and had just happened to find it by [redacted] He said further that [redacted] to one of [redacted] two or three weeks previously. He said that [redacted] told him he [redacted] and he assumed that any merchandise stored in there belonged to [redacted] claimed no knowledge of the stolen whiskey and could offer no explanation as to its presence there except to say that as far as he knew the storage room was used [redacted]

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[redacted] was further interviewed at the Chicago Office of the FBI by the writer and SA [redacted] This interview commenced at 6:35 p.m., March 17, 1958. [redacted] furnished the following personal data concerning himself:

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His full name is [redacted] He resides at [redacted] and he was born [redacted] at [redacted] He is a [redacted] his partners being [redacted] who reside at [redacted] A [redacted] who resides in [redacted] and who has [redacted]

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address of [redacted] He considered JERRY COVELLI to be manager, and said that COVELLI is a [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] who is now [redacted] and who lives in [redacted] address unknown. He is likewise [redacted] who resides at the [redacted] He has [redacted] who is at the [redacted] He has had no military service because of a [redacted] In 1950, he was [redacted] which charge was dismissed. He is 5'6½" tall, weighs 165 pounds, has brown eyes, brown hair, and is dark complected. He has been in [redacted] having previously been employed at the [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] stated substantially the same information as [redacted] the Cafe Continental concerning the storage room. He repeated that [redacted] and that COVELLI probably also had a key for the room. He had no idea who put the whiskey in the room, and it was his recollection that the [redacted] b6 b7C

He said that [redacted] had been negotiating to [redacted] for several months, and recalled that about January 1, 1958, [redacted] in checks towards this purchase. Shortly thereafter [redacted] About the latter part of February, 1958, [redacted] at which time he had [redacted] b6 b7C

He said that he has known JERRY COVELLI for a period of about [redacted]

During the time that [redacted] was in the office of the FBI he had an opportunity to observe FRANK LISCIANDRELLO whom he said he knew as "HOT DOG". He also had an opportunity to observe [redacted] whom he said he knew as "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO [redacted] He has known [redacted] for quite a long time, and knew that at one time she had been married to a fellow he knew. The interview with [redacted] was concluded at 9:15 p.m. b6 b7C

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (15-12848) DATE: April 25, 1958

Dictated: April 23, 1958

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: [redacted] UNKNOWN
SUBJECTS; Theft of 875 Cases of
Sunny Brook Whiskey from Indianapolis
Forwarding Company, Chicago, Illinois
December 31, 1957
THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT

On March 25, 1958, [redacted] was interviewed by the writer and SA [redacted] advised that his birth name is [redacted] He was born [redacted] and resides at [redacted] b6 b7C He maintains a [redacted] and which [redacted] At the present time he is being [redacted] He has not been in military service, and he is [redacted]

He was [redacted] during the first part of 1958, [redacted] at which time he was discharged. b7C He was also [redacted] during the first part of 1958, for [redacted] which charge was also dismissed. b7C

He is a [redacted] and has had [redacted] and at a college in [redacted] He is 5'10" tall, 185 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, and has a dark or ruddy complexion. b6 b7C

[redacted] said he has been in the [redacted] in the Chicago area and in the Midwest area for several years. As a result of [redacted] and so forth. About [redacted] he became acquainted at the Cafe Continental, at which place he met [redacted] JERRY COVELLI. It was [redacted] observation that [redacted] the cafe, [redacted] apparently have a [redacted] and COVELLI looks after the interests of the [redacted] inasmuch as [redacted] b6 b7C

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[redacted] in this cafe which resulted [redacted] This occurred around January 1, 1958. b6 b7C He does not recall to whom he [redacted] however, shortly thereafter he [redacted] It is to be noted that [redacted] said these [redacted] were [redacted] and he did not wish to reveal the identity of the person whom he expected to be his financial backer in this venture.

[redacted] said that during January of 1958, he started to [redacted] the [redacted] He said that he considered this [redacted] and had nothing to do with b6 b7C the business operation of the cafe. He claimed that he did not feel that [redacted] in the cafe in any sense of the word, and if anyone in the cafe had indicated that [redacted] it is absolutely untrue.

[redacted] said that at the time [redacted] he received [redacted] and he returned all of [redacted] when he [redacted] It is his recollection that b6 b7C he had been in possession [redacted] [redacted] declared that he had never had keys to the storage rooms of the kitchen nor had he ever stored any of his personal property in these rooms, or had he made any attempt to do so.

He first met COVELLI at the time he became interested [redacted] and that he had not seen COVELLI since about March 15, 1958. [redacted] and stated that he has not seen him since about March 15, 1958. [redacted] "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO, [redacted] at the Cafe Continental. He saw "RUFFY" about March 21, 1958, at The Note, however, did not engage him in conversation. He did, however, make some remark to "RUFFY" which apparently "RUFFY" did not like, and "RUFFY" appeared to be mad at him. He said he had never talked to "RUFFY" about the stolen whiskey. [redacted] "HOT DOG" LISCIANDRELLO and had b6 b7C last seen him about March 20, 1958, at The Note. He had no conversation with him.

[redacted] disclaimed any knowledge whatsoever of the stolen whiskey and declared that he is in no way associated with the Cafe Continental. The first he knew anything about the stolen whiskey was the night that [redacted] was arrested and he heard conversation concerning the matter at the Cafe Continental.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (15-12848) DATE: May 1, 1958

Dictated: 5/1/58

FROM : SA JOHN J. OITZINGER

SUBJECT: [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] UNKNOWN
SUBJECTS; Theft of 875 Cases of
Sunny Brook Whiskey from Indianapolis
Forwarding Company, Chicago, Illinois
December 31, 1957
THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT

On March 17, 1958, at 5:16 p.m., SAs JOHN J. OITZINGER and GEORGE STADTMILLER entered the Silver Domes, 1100 West Lawrence Avenue, preceded by [redacted] This premises was open for business.

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[redacted] and [redacted] were behind the bar. [redacted] was sitting on a stool at the bar. [redacted] another investigator, Alcohol Tax and Tobacco Unit, was present. [redacted] pointed out a small office located in the north east corner of these premises, which was used as an office and liquor storeroom. This room was approximately 8 feet by 10 feet in size. There were 5 cases of Sunny Brook Whiskey together with one empty case of Sunny Brook Whiskey in this room. All of the whiskey contained in these cases were in half pints and reflected the following case serial numbers:

J 589072 (contained 34 empty half pint Sunny Brook bottles)
J 589073 (contained 48 empty half pint Sunny Brook bottles)
J 589697 (full and intact)
J 589555 (full and intact)
J 589080 (full and intact)
J 589085 (full and intact)

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There was another case with the serial number J 5 -----, the remainder of the number being obliterated. However, this case was stenciled indicating that it was bottled on December 19, 1957. These cases were initialed by Bureau Agents and removed as evidence.

Investigators [redacted] took 29 individual bottles of "open stock" from the bar and also from the shelves at the back of the bar as evidence.

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While Bureau agents were on these premises FRANK "HOT DOG" LISCIANDRELLO entered the Silver Domes. He stated that he did not know the identity of the owner or proprietor of this business establishment, however, he did assist as a bartender during the night of March 16, 1958, for several hours "just to help out".

FD-302 (6-8-57)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date: April 4, 1958

FRANK LISCIANDRELLO, 2136 West Ohio Street, Chicago, claimed, after being in the Silver Dome, 1107 West Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, that he was effecting a delivery of orange juice and denied ownership of the Silver Dome. He disclaimed any knowledge of the whiskey found at this place on this date. He stated his connection with the Silver Dome was that of a salesman for the Purest Citrus Products, Inc., 2320 South Blue Island Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and an occasional patron. He estimated that he had patronized the Silver Dome three or four times a month since January, 1958, prior to the time he became a salesman for the Purest Citrus Products the first week in March. He claimed not to know the owner of the Silver Dome by name or any of the employees of the Silver Dome by their full names. He stated he knew JERRY COVELLI after COVELLI's name was shown to him in his, LISCIANDRELLO's, address book.

The following background information and description is being furnished concerning FRANK LISCIANDRELLO:

Name:	FRANK LISCIANDRELLO wa. "Hot Dog"
Date of Birth:	May 6, 1918
Place of Birth:	Chicago, Illinois
Height:	5'8½"
Weight:	200 lbs.
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Brownish grey, receding hairline and bald on top
Complexion:	Ruddy
Build:	Heavy
Marital Status:	Married
Military Service:	None
Social Security Number:	352-07-2085
Residence:	2136 West Ohio Street Chicago, Illinois
Former Residence:	2123 West Huron Street Chicago, Illinois
Employment:	Purest Citrus Products, Inc. Chicago, Illinois

Interview with FRANK LISCIANDRELLO File # 15-12848

on 3/17/58 at 212 West Monroe Street, Chicago Dictated: 4/2/58

by Special Agent WILLIAM H. DUNNING/kwk:MDW

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Former Employments: Truck driver
Chicago Macaroni
22nd and Wentworth
Chicago, Illinois
1952 to 1953

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1200 North Halsted Street
Chicago, Illinois
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Relatives:

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ANTHONY (son)
age 10

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JOE LISCIANDRELLO (brother)
age 60
address unknown at Chicago, Ill.

SAM LISCIANDRELLO (brother)
age 45
address unknown at Chicago, Ill.

CHARLIE LISCIANDRELLO (brother)
age 54
address unknown at Chicago, Ill.

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Admitted Arrest Record: Served from 1953 to January 2, 1958 at Stateville, Joliet, Ill., on a grand larceny arrest; served from 1940 to 1945 at Stateville for armed robbery; picked up numerous times on North Clark Street for investigation from 1934 to 1940.

IV. PROSECUTIVE ACTION

On March 17, 1958, First Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] was contacted by Supervisor [redacted] at which time [redacted] advised that it appeared to the best interest of the Government at this time to decline prosecution regarding FRANK LISCAINDRELLO and [redacted] with a view to possibly presenting this matter to a Federal Grand Jury at a later date. b6 b7C

Conferences were had with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] by SA [redacted] concerning this matter on March 20, 24, 27 and April 1, 5, 10 and 14, 1958. b6 b7C

On April 5, 1958, [redacted] advised that it appeared to be to the best interest of the Government to dismiss the complaints on [redacted] on April 3, 1958, rather than to disclose the Government's case at that time. [redacted] expressed the opinion at this time that this matter could be presented to a Federal Grand Jury at a later date. Disposition sheets on [redacted] and [redacted] submitted. b6 b7C

V. RESULTS OF LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS

On March 4, 1958, 60 empty cardboard cartons which formerly contained Sunny Brook Whiskey, which was recovered from premises of [redacted] were forwarded to the latent fingerprint section of the FBI Laboratory for latent fingerprint examination. b6 b7C

The Laboratory advised by correspondence dated March 14, 1958, that one latent fingerprint and three latent palmprints of value were developed on one carton. No latent fingerprints were developed on the other cartons.

The latent fingerprint which was developed was found to be not identical with the fingerprints [redacted] b6 b7C

On March 28, 1958, a total of 28 empty cardboard cartons, which formerly contained Sunny Brook Whiskey, which was recovered from the premises of the Cafe Continental and the Silver Domes Cafe, along with 34 empty half pint Sunny Brook Whiskey bottles case serial number J 589072 and 48 empty half pint Sunny Brook Whiskey bottles case serial number J 589073, which were recoered from the Silver Domes Cafe, were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory Latent Fingerprint Sectin, for appropriate examination.

On April 16, 1958, the FBI Laboratory advised that 10 latent fingerprints which were developed on 5 half pint bottles marked "Dome" are identical with fingeprints of [redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (15-12848) DATE: 5/1/58

(Dictated 5/1/58)

FROM : SAS GEORGE STADTMILLER and [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: [redacted] UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Theft of 875 Cases of Sunny Brook Whiskey from Indianapolis Forwarding Company, Chicago, Illinois, December 31, 1957 THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT

On March 19, 1958, SAs GEORGE STADTMILLER and [redacted] interviewed [redacted] Illinois, where she has been [redacted] b6 b7C She advised that the whereabouts of [redacted] and that he departed [redacted] on Monday, March 17, 1958, in the morning and she has not seen him since that time.

She stated that [redacted] at the Silver Domes Cafe, 1100 West Lawrence Avenue, [redacted] b6 b7C and she believed that he had no proprietory interest in the business. She had no knowledge of his employer. She advised that she knew JERRY COVELLI and that [redacted] COVELLI.

[redacted] advised that she has been [redacted] She disclaimed b6 b7C any knowledge of instant whiskey loss and advised in substance that she knew little of [redacted] business affairs.

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On April 29, 1958, SAM LISCIANDRELLO was interviewed by SAs STADTMILLER and [redacted] b6 b7C at the Note Tavern, 4103 North Broadway, Chicago, concerning his activities on March 17, 1958. LISCIANDRELLO advised that he noted his brother's, FRANK LISCIANDRELLO's orange juice truck in the vicinity of the Silver Domes Tavern and had stopped at that location to see what his brother was doing there. SAM LISCIANDRELLO disclaimed any knowledge of the stolen Sunny Brook Whiskey located at the Silver Domes.

The following is the identification record of GERALD COVELLI, FBI Number 1995290:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested	Charge	Disposition
McLean Co B of I Bloomington, Ill.	GERALD COVELLI #S-8895	11/14/37	L of auto (hold for CG PD)	
Co Jail, CG, Ill	GERALD COVELLI #18409	4/6/40	rob strong arm	5/8/40 not returned MC
War Dept Wash, DC	GERALD JOHN COVELLI #16002268			
Cook Co Jail Chgo, Ill	GERALD COVELLI #31222	12/11/41	robb	1/27/42 sent to Pen
PD CG, Ill	GERALD COVELLI #D-15597	12/8/41 (prt rec 12/23/41)	robb	1/19/42 sent to Joliet, Ill Pen 2-3 yrs finding armed-guilty
SP Joliet, Ill	GERALD COVELLI #18529	1/27/42	robb armed & burg	1-life 2cc 3/11/42 trans to Pontiac, Ill Pen #14004

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (15-12848)

DATE: June 12, 1958

FROM : SA [redacted]

Date Dictated: 6/6/58

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SUBJECT: GERALD JOSEPH COVELLI; [redacted]
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Theft of
875 Cases of Sunny Brook
Whiskey from Indianapolis
Forwarding Company,
Chicago, Illinois,
December 31, 1957
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On May 8, 1958, at 9:20 A.M., GERALD COVELLI was contacted [redacted] Upon COVELLI's request [redacted] left the room. SA JOHN J. OITZINGER advised COVELLI that the FBI was conducting investigation in connection with the theft of a trailer load of Sunny Brook Whiskey from an interstate shipment, which whiskey was stolen in December, 1957. He was advised that on March 17, 1958, Bureau Agents had recovered various amounts of Sunny Brook Whiskey stolen from this particular shipment at the Cafe Continental, The Silver Domes, and the Flame taverns, all located in Chicago. COVELLI was advised that investigation disclosed that he had proprietory interest in the Silver Domes Lounge.

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COVELLI was advised that he did not have to speak to Bureau Agents and that he could consult with a lawyer if he so desired, and that any statement he may make could be used against him in a Court of Law.

SA OITZINGER asked COVELLI to explain his position in connection with five and one-half cases of Sunny Brook Whiskey which was recovered from the Silver Domes Lounge on March 17, 1958. COVELLI stated that he was aware of the FBI investigation being conducted. He remarked that "he is disgusted with himself because over a period of years it seemed that everything he touched turned out badly". He referred to his previous arrests and the instances wherein he had been incarcerated upon being convicted of a number of felonies. He also referred to the excessive amount of financial assistance he had obtained from [redacted]

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COVELLI was asked by SA OITZINGER to explain his relationship with the following people and he commented as follows:

[redacted] whom he has known for approximately [redacted] He stated that [redacted] definitely had no money in the aforementioned taverns, however, he [redacted] the Silver Domes Lounge and [redacted] He stated that [redacted] definitely did not receive any money from the aforementioned whiskey. b6 b7C

FRANK LISCIANDRELLO, wa. "Hot Dog". He described LISCIANDRELLO as "a good time Charlie", a braggart, and "great ladies' man", and stated that "he builds castles in the air". He further advised that any business proposition that LISCIANDRELLO might enter into he immediately assumes that he is a partner.

[redacted] knows nothing about either individual. b6 b7C

[redacted] as "Ruffy" LISCIANDRELLO [redacted]

JOE LISCIANDRELLO, better known as "Ruffy" LISCIANDRELLO. Has known this individual approximately 15 years. COVELLI disclaimed any knowledge of LISCIANDRELLO's activities and business interests, and his only comment was that he, "Ruffy", likes to play around with girls.

[redacted] knows [redacted] Cafe Continental and stated that [redacted] definitely had no knowledge concerning instant whiskey.

[redacted] advised that he had heard the name, however, did not believe that he had ever met [redacted] personally. b6 b7C

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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CHICAGO	CHICAGO	11/17/58	9/8,10,29;10/6, 13,15,16,18,20;11/3/58

TITLE OF CASE

[redacted] GERALD COVELLI;
[redacted]
[redacted] UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Theft of 875 Cases of Sunny Brook Whiskey from Indianapolis Forwarding Company, Chicago, Illinois, December 31, 1957

Report made by: [redacted] Typed By: lac

CHARACTER OF CASE

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Numerous continuances obtained regarding COVELLI, resulting in a trial date of October 20, 1958. On October 13, 1958, a superceding indictment returned by Federal Grand Jury, Chicago, merging counts one and two of the previous indictment. On October 20, 1958, COVELLI appeared in U. S. District Court for plea and arraignment on the superceding indictment and entered a plea of not guilty. December 1, 1958, was then set as the date on which a trial date should be set. The hearing as to [redacted] which had been scheduled for September 15, 1958, was indefinitely postponed due to the elevation of Judge KNOCH to U. S. Court of Appeals. On October 7, 1958, [redacted] matter reassigned to Judge SULLIVAN, however, no trial date has been set. Information concerning present whereabouts of prospective Government witnesses set forth.

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On October 20, 1958, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] advised that the [redacted] matter had been assigned to Judge SULLIVAN as of October 7, 1958, and he, [redacted] would seek an early date concerning the hearing of the [redacted] motion to suppress the evidence. b6 b7C

Pre-trial conferences were had with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] regarding captioned matter on September 10, October 6, 15, 16, and 18, 1958. b6 b7C

Information Concerning Present Whereabouts of Prospective Government Witnesses

On October 15, 1958, [redacted] was located at the Wilton Hotel, 4758 North Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, [redacted] Telephone LO 1-1133. He is presently employed at the [redacted] b6 b7C

On October 16, 1958, exemplified copies of GERALD COVELLI's record showing Chicago convictions were obtained from [redacted] at the Clerk of the Courts Office for Cook County. b6 b7C

On October 18, 1958, [redacted] was located at the Western Inn, 4017 West Ogden Avenue, [redacted] b6 b7C

On October 20, 1958, [redacted] better known as [redacted] was located at [redacted] Telephone BU 8-1401.

On November 3, 1958, interview was had with [redacted] who is presently [redacted] FRANK LISCIANDRELLO under the name [redacted] FRANK RUSSO, [redacted] displayed an extremely belligerent attitude and was otherwise uncooperative. b6 b7C

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GERALD COVELLI, ETAL, TFIS, OJ - BRIBERY. RE HO TEL TO CG JULY SEVENTEEN AND TO DIRECTOR AND CG JULY EIGHTEEN. XCOVELLI REINTERVIEWED TODAY BECAUSE OF ANTICIPATED ARRIVAL [redacted] AS POSSIBLE MESSAGE BEARER FROM HIGHERUPS IN CHICAGO. COVELLI WAS NOT INFORMED AND IS XNOT YET AWARE [redacted] IS SOURCE OF BRIBERY ALLEGATION. HE STILL MAINTAINS IGNORANCE OF BRIBERY. XCOVELLI STATED THAT A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO TFIS TRIAL HE LOCATED FNU [redacted] PH [redacted] CG, TO HAVE HIM INSTRUCT [redacted] FRANK LISCIANDRELLO AND ACCORDING TO COVELLI [redacted] LISCIANDRELLO BY STATING COVELLI OPERATED SILVER DOME. XCOVELLI WANTED [redacted] TO BRING [redacted] TO ATTORNEY [redacted] THIS CONTACT BY COVELLI MAY BE EXPLANATION OF [redacted] STATEMENT RE PAYMENT BY COVELLI [redacted] HOWEVER COVELLI SAID HE CONTACTED [redacted] PRIVATELY IN OFFICE AND NO PAYMENT MADE. SUGGEST CG INTERVIEW [redacted] XALSO ATTORNEY [redacted] RE PHONE CALL BY COVELLI TO CARD RESTAURANT ON NIGHT OF HUNG JURY AND RE COVELLI EFFORTS FOR INTERVIEW OF [redacted] SUGGEST FIRST INTERVIEW BAILIFF TO DETERMINE IF [redacted] LEARNED OF HUNG JURY FROM HIM. AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (15-38700) DATE: 7/23/59

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (15-1492)

SUBJECT: GERALD COVELLI; b6 b7C

TFIS; OOJ - BRIBERY
(OO: Chicago)

Re: Houston airtels to Bureau and Chicago, dated 7/21 and 22/59.

On 7/20 and 21/59, GERALD J. COVELLI was interviewed by Assistant United States Attorney and SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR in the office of Houston, Texas. It is noted that COVELLI originally requested an audience with on July 16, 1959, to discuss the car theft case with which he is charged at Houston. COVELLI stated that he was not guilty of the bribery that has been charged in this case, but that he would since he could not under any circumstances testify to the information b6 b7C b7D

COVELLI was given to understand that the information within the knowledge of Assistant United States Attorney and the FBI. It was further pointed out to him b6 b7C

Assistant United States Attorney informed COVELLI that since which would under normal circumstances be taken in consideration by the sentencing judge presiding at the bribery trial, he to the judge. advised COVELLI that, in view of COVELLI's stipulation that information FBI, COVELLI would not be known to the office of the United States Attorney at Chicago, but and the FBI. b6 b7C

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COVELLI stated that in 1957, he undertook to open and operate the Cafe Continental at 44 East Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois, in [redacted] b6 b7C

He stated that at the time the cafe was opened he received $10,000.00 credit from the C & B Provision Company, suppliers of meat, which company is owned by JOE "CAESAR" DIVARCO, JIMMY ALLEGRETTI, and (FNU) [redacted] COVELLI stated that he regarded these individuals as [redacted] he stated that at the same time that he opened the cafe he became indebted to the extent of $4800.00 for a neon sign at the cafe which was installed by the Right-Way Light Company [redacted] and another [redacted] known to him as [redacted] b6 b7C

COVELLI stated that the Cafe Continental got into considerable debt and C & B Provision Company and Right-Way Light Company, among other creditors began to press for payments to the point where the cafe would ordinarily have had to go into bankruptcy. COVELLI stated, however, JOE "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO, who was one of "the outfit" in Chicago, came to him and informed him that he would "keep the wolves off" for 25 per cent interest in the cafe. COVELLI stated that [redacted] had no choice in the matter and that the continued operation of the cafe, although [redacted] was for all practical purposes the business of LISCIANDRELLO. COVELLI said that since he was not realizing any money from the operation of the cafe he went into the mannequin business [redacted] under the name of Adore Fashions at 2213 South Michigan Avenue. He stated that this business was destroyed by an unfortunate incident wherein one of the mannequins in a display window of Marshall Fields in Chicago broke apart. He stated that he was occupied with Adore Fashions for 6 or 7 months at that time and during that same period received only his groceries out of the Cafe Continental. b6 b7C

He stated that it was then in approximately the latter part of 1957 or the first part of 1958 that he heard that the Silver Dome on Wilson Avenue in Chicago, which is a bar patronized by "hill-billies," was up for lease by [redacted] the Friendly Loan Company in b6 b7C

Chicago. COVELLI obtained the lease from the owner and subleased the Silver Dome under the name of JERRY DALE. He stated that [redacted] and that FRANK "HOTDOG" LISCIANDRELLO who was just out of prison worked as a bouncer at the Silver Dome. COVELLI stated that the place was in reality another investment of "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO who obtained [redacted]. COVELLI stated that it was he and [redacted] who raised the $900.00 for the first month's rental of the Silver Dome. COVELLI stated that because he had a record he was not permitted to operate the business and that all that he was supposed to receive was $10.00 per day from the proceeds. b6 b7C

COVELLI stated that the Silver Dome had been in operation about four days [redacted] when a raid by Bureau Agents and Alcohol Tax Agents was made simultaneously on the Silver Dome, Cafe Continental, and the Flame, the latter another Chicago tavern [redacted] "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO. COVELLI stated that he did not know that stolen whiskey had been placed in the Silver Dome or the Flame, but that a day or two before the raids he saw what amounted to 400 cases of Sunnybrook whiskey in a storage room at the rear of the Cafe Continental. He stated when he saw this he told [redacted] Cafe Continental and also "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO and [redacted] Cafe Continental or everybody would get in trouble, including [redacted] who had no knowledge of the stolen whiskey. b6 b7C

COVELLI claimed that he did not know who had stolen the whiskey, but that [redacted] had told him he paid $8.00 a case for it. COVELLI said [redacted] had brought the whiskey to the cafe himself in a truck believed rented in the name of one of the individuals responsible for the theft of the whiskey and the whiskey was [redacted] to the Cafe Continental cafe. COVELLI stated he understood the whiskey was unloaded about 8:00 AM and that he, COVELLI, did not learn of its presence there until he went to the cafe early in the afternoon of the same day. He stated that "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO told him not to worry because the whiskey would be gone by the end of the week. He said the whiskey was to be sold at $30.00 to $35.00 a case and the profits b6 b7C

was to be [redacted] "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO, and JIMMY ALLEGRETTI, all of whom were [redacted] the whiskey. He stated that the individual who was [redacted] Cafe Continental, [redacted] (LNU) [redacted] COVELLI stated that the whiskey was Sunnybrook brand and consisted of either half pints or pint bottles. He stated that he told [redacted] if he was going to keep any of the whiskey at the Cafe Continental he should at least [redacted]s then they could only be charged with possession of moonshine, rather than stolen whiskey. COVELLI said he did not know the whiskey was part of an interstate shipment. He also stated he did not know whether [redacted]

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COVELLI stated that the stolen whiskey was placed at the Cafe Continental before the lease was signed for the operation of the Silver Dome. He stated that at the time the stolen whiskey was placed at the Silver Dome he had no knowledge it was there and although he did not mean to deny he had stolen whiskey in the past, he said that he was not so stupid as to bring it into a place where he would be charged with possession of such stolen whiskey.

COVELLI said he first heard that Federal Agents were rounding up the stolen whiskey when he received a phone call from [redacted] at the Cafe Continental. He said that because it was generally known that he had had interest in the Cafe Continental and because he has a criminal record he believed that the police authorities would be seeking him. He said he then borrowed a car [redacted] and drove to the Silver Dome on Wilson Avenue in Chicago. He stated that at that time he was living on Keystone Avenue in the Lincolnwood Section of Chicago, address believed 7342. He stated the reason he drove to the Silver Dome was that he suspected that [redacted] the Silver Dome might have disposed of some of the stolen whiskey there. He said that he did not go into the Silver Dome, but from a nearby telephone station made a call to the Silver Dome which was answered by a person he realized must have been a Federal Agent.

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COVELLI related that the stolen whiskey of this case was originally to have been stored at the grocery store owned by a brother of "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO, but the brother would not have the whiskey at the grocery store. COVELLI stated that he had been informed that the whiskey was to bring at least $30.00 a case which was about top price for stolen whiskey in Chicago. He said that [redacted] the whiskey. b6 b7C

COVELLI stated that he later learned that FRANK "HOTDOG" LISCIANDRELLO had walked into the Silver Dome while the Federal Agents were there, but he convinced them he was a salesman of orange juice, and although brought downtown was released by the authorities. He said that he did not know whether the Federal Agents, and by this term he meant both FBI Agents and Alcohol Tax Agents, were ever able to locate [redacted] b6 b7C

COVELLI stated that after ascertaining that the raid was being conducted at the Silver Dome he drove to Valentino's Restaurant in the Devonshire Hotel (or possibly Berkshire) where he attempted to locate JIMMY ALLEGRETTI. He stated that he obtained a key to the suite of "the outfit" which was rented on a yearly basis at the Devonshire and he went to the suite which he recalled as either number 405 or 504. He stated that Valentino's Restaurant is owned by ALLEGRETTI. He stated that ALLEGRETTI was not immediately available and he contacted "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO with the result that later that afternoon "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO, JOE DIVARCO and JIMMY ALLEGRETTI met with COVELLI in Valentino's Restaurant at which time they agreed to take care of the trouble which developed out of the whiskey case. "RUFFY" told COVELLI to get [redacted] (ph). COVELLI stated that he spent the night in the Devonshire suite and the next morning at about 4 o'clock ALLEGRETTI informed him that they had to come up with $5,000.00 and everything would be okay. COVELLI was told that he should get $2,500.00 by the evening of that same day. COVELLI stated that he then went to his home where he obtained [redacted] which he sold for about $350.00 [redacted] which he [redacted] for about $1,000.00 or $1,200.00, b6 b7C

and also his own diamond wrist watch and [redacted] which he hocked in downtown Chicago. He stated in this manner he was able to obtain $2,500.00 and he went to Valentino's Restaurant about 5:00 or 6:00 PM that same day and gave the $2,500.00 to "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO. "RUFFY" told him that they "had this FBI Agent," who was supposed to be a friend of JIMMY ALLEGRETTI. At a table in the rear of Valentino's, COVELLI gathered with "RUFFY", JOE DIVARCO, (FNU) ROSS and ALLEGRETTI at which time the $5,000.00 was put together and ALLEGRETTI assured COVELLI that the case would be dropped. b6 b7C

COVELLI stated that he did not believe that "the outfit" had been able to bribe an FBI Agent and thought that this might be a way of swindling him of $2,500.00. He stated that at about 7:00 or 8:00 PM while they were all gathered in the restaurant that ALLEGRETTI walked out the back of the restaurant to the alley and COVELLI, a few seconds later, followed him. COVELLI had left the others in the restaurant in the pretense he was going home and advised ALLEGRETTI did not know COVELLI was observing him. COVELLI stated that ALLEGRETTI walked through the alley to Wabash Street where a black 1957 model Ford, 4-door, occupied by one male person was parked. He said ALLEGRETTI leaned on the driver's door of the car for about a minute or less and then returned to the restaurant. He said that he knew ALLEGRETTI had the $5,000.00 in his possession at this point, but that he did not actually see ALLEGRETTI give the money to the person in the car nor could he possibly identify the person who was in the car.

COVELLI stated that he then returned to the restaurant where ALLEGRETTI assured him the case would be dropped in the morning and that he would only have to worry about the city police and that he should go away for a couple of weeks. COVELLI stated that at this point he still believed that he had been swindled.

COVELLI stated that he spent the night of the "pay off" at the Devonshire Hotel and the following morning called [redacted] at the Canterbury Courts where [redacted] lived and told [redacted] restaurant on the Clark Street side of the Federal Courthouse in Chicago after the commissioner's hearing that morning. Accordingly, [redacted] COVELLI b6 b7C

and informed him that U. S. Commissioner PIKE had dismissed the charges. COVELLI stated he then thought that ALLEGRETTI had actually "reached" the FBI Agent and although he had not thought that the Federal Officers could be bribed as he knew the city officers are bribed he was now inclined to believe such was the case.

COVELLI stated that that evening he drove to [redacted] in the car of a friend whose name he would not disclose. He stated that he spent 3 or 4 weeks at [redacted] whose name he would not divulge. In connection with this so called visit to his aunt in [redacted] he stated that he got in trouble there involving some charges of robbery, but he did not impersonate an FBI Agent in these activities, but told the victims only that he and his companions were "Revenue Agents" or "State Revenue Agents." b6 b7C

COVELLI stated that he returned to Chicago after about 3 or 4 weeks [redacted] and about a month elapsed when Bureau Agents phoned him on about 4 or 5 occasions in order to see him, but he never kept the appointments. He stated when this occurred he got in touch with JIMMY ALLEGRETTI and asked him about the fact that the investigation had started up again. ALLEGRETTI told him to relax that "the Agent" had died and there would be some "heat" for a while. COVELLI stated that it was at this time he contacted "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO who told him to avoid the agents and that if they persisted to tell them that they had to prove it. COVELLI said it was about the same time LISCIANDRELLO instructed him to see an individual who works at the Capitol Leasing Company located about Roscoe and Broadway Streets, Chicago, and that this individual could contact the Bureau Agents and find out what was taking place in the whiskey case. COVELLI stated that he went to see this individual whom he described as wearing very [redacted] he said this individual apparently [redacted] COVELLI said that as he walked into the office another man was leaving and [redacted] remarked that the man who had just departed was [redacted] the Agent who had died. COVELLI said that he did not know how this individual knew about the Agent who was supposed to have been bribed or that such a bribe took place. He stated this [redacted] remarked to him that if he ever had a truck load of [redacted] to just park the truck and he would find b6 b7C

a buyer. COVELLI stated he suspected this individual was an informant because he had never seen him before and yet talked along these lines. COVELLI said that this individual used the telephone to make an appointment for COVELLI with two FBI Agents in Lincoln Park in Chicago.

COVELLI stated that he met the Agents in the park, but would not talk to them in their car in case it was "bugged" but sat on a park bench. He said the Agents questioned him concerning ALLEGRETTI and for information on international jewel thievery. COVELLI said he signified indirectly to the Agents that he thought that they met to do business, but that the Agents made it clear they were not interested in any propositions, but only in information they knew COVELLI possessed. COVELLI stated that he told them he had no information to give to them and the interview was terminated.

COVELLI stated it was not long after this interview in the park that Agents, different from those who met him in the park, interviewed him at his house and questioned him concerning the whiskey case. He stated that at this time he made a statement to the Agents similar to "Yeah, I stole the whiskey, now prove it." COVELLI stated that it was about three or four weeks after that that Agents phoned him again to talk to him and he told them that if they wanted to talk to him they should meet him at the law office of [redacted] He stated that he then called a cab to go to [redacted] office and that as he left his house he was taken into custody by Agents. b6 b7C

He stated that he was arrested after 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon and so had to remain in jail overnight for the hearing before U. S. Commissioner PIKE on the following morning. He said he was represented by Attorney [redacted] posted his $10,000.00 bond in the whiskey case and also $7,500.00 bond on the impersonation case against him at Pittsburgh. COVELLI stated that he believed this commissioner's hearing and posting of bond occurred in June or July of 1958. He stated that about that same time Attorney [redacted] informed him that the [redacted] the Silver Dome when the stolen whiskey was recovered there [redacted] told COVELLI he should try to locate the [redacted] COVELLI stated that at the time the stolen whiskey was located at the Silver Dome the [redacted] FRANK "HOTDOG" LISCIANDRELLO in the Lincoln Hotel, Chicago. b6 b7C

COVELLI stated that he could not locate [redacted] immediately, but that it was approximately in the Fall, 1958, that he encountered [redacted] (LNU) [redacted] COVELLI during the whiskey case trial in January, 1959. He stated that [redacted] COVELLI stated that he located [redacted] at the Walton Bar on Rush Street and asked [redacted] COVELLI ascertained that the statement alleged that he, COVELLI, [redacted] at the Silver Dome and that he was [redacted] Silver Dome. COVELLI stated that the fact was that FRANK LISCIANDRELLO [redacted] and that he, COVELLI, had not even gone near the Silver Dome during the 4 days that it was in operation under the lease. COVELLI stated that [redacted] explained [redacted] COVELLI [redacted] LISCIANDRELLO who [redacted] LISCIANDRELLO [redacted] COVELLI stated he managed to have [redacted] Attorney [redacted] on the following day at which time Attorney [redacted] FRANK LISCIANDRELLO [redacted] that COVELLI [redacted] LISCIANDRELLO [redacted]

In connection with the [redacted] COVELLI stated that [redacted] and that Attorney [redacted] of Chicago [redacted] b6 b7C

COVELLI stated that in connection with his trouble in Pittsburgh that [redacted] had told him not to worry that they would get [redacted] actually a person of [redacted] to take care of COVELLI's case there. b6 b7C

COVELLI stated that he ascertained from [redacted] COVELLI as possibly being [redacted] (ph) and who is described by COVELLI as being about 31, 5' 10", with brown hair; this individual was [redacted] b6 b7C

COVELLI stated that he phoned [redacted] and told him his name was PAPPAS and that he was looking [redacted] He then dove out to the [redacted] and he believed that [redacted] may have been with him when he went to [redacted] COVELLI also believed this event occurred about December, 1958, prior to the time he received a continuance in his trial to the date of January 15, 1959. He said he spoke to [redacted] privately in a rear room of the [redacted] told him he was actually COVELLI and that [redacted] COVELLI said he arranged [redacted] to Attorney [redacted] office the following day for lunch, at which time [redacted] could interview [redacted] agreed to this but neither [redacted] the following day and on recontact by COVELLI he claimed [redacted]

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COVELLI stated that he, himself, had planned his defense in the whiskey case and he wanted Attorney [redacted] to subpoena the following persons:

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1. [redacted] who could say that [redacted] and FRANK LISCIANDRELLO [redacted]

2. [redacted] of the Silver Dome who could testify that COVELLI had merely subleased the Silver Dome and would not operate it;

3. [redacted] who could state that COVELLI did not operate the Cafe Continental where some of the stolen whiskey was located;

4. The Chicago Police Sergeant from the 35th District who had told COVELLI to stay out of the Cafe Continental;

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5. [redacted] who could testify that COVELLI [redacted]

6. FRANK LISCIANDRELLO who would either testify that he paid the "B-girls" or else perjure himself.

COVELLI stated that although he wanted the above witnesses in his defense, his attorney, [redacted] did not supboena a sigle one of these witnesses and told COVELLI the only one necessary to testify was himself. COVELLI stated that both [redacted] and JIMMY ALLEGRETTI told him not to worry as the Government had no case. b6 b7C

COVELLI stated that after choosing the jury, [redacted] gave him a half sheet of paper on which had been written a list of the jurors and information concerning them which was developed in the course of their being selected; two of the names bore check marks; there was only one [redacted] on the list which name was checked and the other checked name was believed by COVELLI to be an [redacted] sounding name that possibly began [redacted] COVELLI stated that at the time [redacted] approved the selection of [redacted] as a juror and the information was developed that [redacted] had a [redacted] COVELLI told [redacted] said he would make a good juror. b6 b7C

At the end of the court session when the jury had been impanelled, [redacted] gave COVELLI the list of jurors with the two checked names and told him to take it to JIMMY or CAESER (ALLEGRETTI or DIVARCO). COVELLI stated that he then went directly to the Sterling Glass Company by himself and JOE "CAESER" DIVARCO [redacted] and a few others were there and he gave the list of jurors to [redacted] and DIVARCO looked at it and [redacted] said that DIVARCO had better make the calls. DIVARCO then called one [redacted] (spelling believed correct) [redacted] or [redacted] According to COVELLI, DIVARCO upon observing the list, chose the name of the [redacted] on the list, [redacted] and remarked "here's the guy we want". b6 b7C

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Synopsis:

REFERENCES: Houston teletype to Director and Chicago, dated July 19, 21, and 22, 1959.
Houston letter to Director, July 23, 1959.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Date of dictation of SF-64 in this case was delayed beyond five days due to continuous interviews of COVELLI throughout the five day period following the dates of interview as listed on the SF-64.

Referenced letter sets forthe information which COVELLI furnished on July 20 and 21, 1959 to AUSA [redacted] and to SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR. That information was given by COVELLI after he stated that the

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bribery aspects of this case [redacted] b7D

By letter dated July 16, 1959 from the Harris County Jail, Houston COVELLI had requested to see Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] and he proceeded to furnish a signed statement to [redacted] and SA O'Connor concerning his participation in the car theft ring case entitled [redacted] aka, ET AL," Bureau file 26-250440, Chicago file 26-29843. In furnishing his statement in that case, it was apparent that COVELLI believed that by such cooperation he might receive some consideration with respect to sentencing although he was made fully aware that no consideration whatsoever could be expected. Following a statement in the theft ring case, COVELLI was questioned on July 18, and 19, 1959 in the bribery of instant TFIS case and he claimed no knowledge of the bribery. b6 b7C

On July 20, 1959, he privately informed AUSA [redacted] that if he could be assured of certain protections, he might be able to assist him in the investigation of the bribery matter. He advised [redacted] that the bribery phase of his TFIS trial in Chicago during January, 1959, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D He stated that he would accept conviction for himself in the bribery case rather than testify against these people and would only testify if the [redacted] accused him of paying bribed money. He stated [redacted] Assistant U. S. Attorney,

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[redacted] informed COVELLI that under the circumstances, he would accept the information furnished by COVELLI and that if COVELLI was not responsibile for the bribery, he, [redacted] would personally apprise the judge handling the case of COVELLI's position and extent of cooperation. b6 b7C

Since the above described understanding had been tentatively agreed upon with COVELLI and [redacted] the agent handling the case at Houston was confronted with accepting the same provisions or alternatively refusing to accept information from COVELLI. b6 b7C

It is pointed out that Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] has contributed a complete and diligent attention to this case and relations between him and the Houston office are excellent. b6 b7C

As pointed out in referenced letter, information received from COVELLI confidentially has not been disseminated to the office of the United States Attorney at Chicago. Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] at Houston had decided with COVELLI that the information received would be restricted to himself and the FBI. With respect to the exclusion of the United States Attorney's office, Chicago, from the access to this information, it is pointed out that Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] felt that Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] handling the case in Chicago, had seriously jeopardized the status of [redacted] previously mentioned by considerable disclosures of information obtained from [redacted] to the Chicago press. Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] stated he could not risk any leak of information confidentially obtained from COVELLI in view of the premises upon which the information was furnished by COVELLI. b6 b7C

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (15-1492)

DATE: 7/29/59
Dictated 7/27/59

FROM : SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR

SUBJECT: GERALD COVELLI ; [redacted]
TFIS; OJ; BRIBERY

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On July 18, and 19, 1959, GERALD J. COVELLI was interviewed at Houston, Texas, by Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] and SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR. COVELLI stated that he had nothing to do with the stolen whisky in this case. He stated that in approximately December, 1957, he learned that the Silver Dome on Wilson Avenue in Chicago, which is a bar patronized by "hillbillies", was up for lease by the [redacted] Friendly Loan Company in Chicago. COVELLI said that he subleased the Silver Dome under the name JERRY DALE for $900 a month. He said one [redacted] and FRANK "HOTDOG" LISCIANDRELLO, who was just out of prison, was the "bouncer" since the Silver Dome was a rough place. COVELLI stated that [redacted] since he and COVELLI had raised the $900 for the first months rental. COVELLI stated that all he expected to get from the investment in the Silver Dome was a dividend of $10.00 a day and he was not in any way connected with the operation of the Silver Dome. He stated it was approximately four days after the Silver Dome began operation under the sublease that the stolen whisky of this case was found there by FBI and Alcohol Tax agents. He stated that he actually did not know the whisky was stored at the Silver Dome and that although he did not deny he had handled stolen whisky in the past, he would not have been so stupid as to store it in a place where he might be charged with its possession.

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COVELLI said that he first learned that Federal agents were rounding up stolen whisky when he received a call on the day the whisky was located by Agents from [redacted] Cafe Continental in Chicago; he said [redacted] informed him that the Agents had found stolen whisky in storage behind the Cafe Continental. COVELLI stated that after receiving this call he decided to obscure his whereabouts since has has a criminal "sheet" and he believed he would probably be sought by the authorities since he was known to have had a financial interest in the Cafe Continental. He stated that despite the fact he did not know who had brought the stolen whisky on the Cafe Continental property, he decided to [redacted] and so he travelled there and spent about two weeks before returning to Chicago. He stated that while in [redacted] he became involved in some trouble for which he was subsequently indicted for impersonation of a FBI agent. He stated that he did not, however, identify himself as a FBI agent to persons involving him in criminal charges, but said he had identified himself as a revenue agent, a State revenue agent.

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COVELLI said that when he returned to Chicago from [redacted] the Bureau agents had been checking him and had attempted to have him meet with them but that he never kept any appointment. He stated that agents then came to his house and questioned him in the whisky case. He said rather than tell the agents anything and have [redacted] [redacted] overhear what he said, he terminated interview by the agents with the statement such as "Yeah, I stole the whisky; now prove it".

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COVELLI said that he was subsequently charged in the whisky case and he retained Attorney [redacted] as his counsel. He stated he ascertained that agents had

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interviewed [redacted] who had been employed at the Silver Dome to increase the business volume there, and also [redacted] FBI in which they claimed that COVELLI [redacted] at the Silver Dome and was, in their opinion, therefore, the real operator of the Silver Dome. COVELLI said that [redacted] FRANK LISCIANDRELLO in the Lincoln Hotel, Chicago. He said that [redacted] the whisky case was a [redacted] however, at the time of the trial. He said that he located [redacted] and told her she [redacted] at the Silver Dome; however, [redacted] LISCIANDRELLO and told COVELLI [redacted] LISCIANDRELLO.

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COVELLI stated that it was either just prior to the last continuance of trial date in the whisky case or just prior to the trial itself in mid-January, 1959 that he tried [redacted] He said that he ascertained that [redacted] surname he believed [redacted] Chicago. He said he phoned this office and told [redacted] his name was PAPPAS and that he was [redacted] He then proceeded to the [redacted] in a car which had been rented by FRANK LISCIANDRELLO, whose personal car had recently been stolen and wrecked. He said that either [redacted] or someone else was with him when he drove to the [redacted] but that he talked to the individual whose name he thought was [redacted] privately in the [redacted] and told him to tell

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[redacted] He said he arranged for [redacted] to the office of attorney [redacted] on the following day so that [redacted] could [redacted] but she did not show up. He said that thereafter [redacted]

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COVELLI stated that at the time the stolen whisky was found at the Cafe Continental and at the Silver Dome some stolen whisky was also located at the Flame, a bar on Broadway and Diversey, Chicago, which was [redacted] COVELLI stated that he did not know why he was charged with the whisky located at the Cafe Continental whereas no charge was brought against [redacted] the Flame bar.

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COVELLI stated that on the day of his whisky case trial in United States District Court, Chicago in mid-January, 1959, he phoned [redacted] just prior to going to Court and learned that [redacted] was then at [redacted] with a considerable sum of money which he had recently [redacted] COVELLI told [redacted] to [redacted] at noon at the Greek restaurant located at Kinzie and State Street, Chicago. At the noon recess of Court that day, which COVELLI believed was a Monday but not the last day of his trial, he met at the Greek restaurant with [redacted] had approximately $6,400 on his person which he had brought back from [redacted] and this money was divided in amounts of $1,000 each although [redacted] received a total of only $1,000 and the remainder was left with [redacted]

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COVELLI stated that after having luncheon in the Greek restaurant, he and [redacted] walked to the Sterling Glass Company, which is located nearby, and [redacted]

[redacted] was there. COVELLI stated that he used the washroom at the Sterling Glass Company but nothing was discussed relative to the whisky case or any other significant matter. He stated it was like many routine visits that he made to the Sterling Glass Company. He stated that he then returned to the Federal Courthouse where the trial was resumed at 2:00 P. M. that afternoon. He stated he is quite certain that [redacted] did not accompany him into the courtroom. He stated that although he still owed his attorney, [redacted] $500 fee he did not pay [redacted] any money from the $1,000 he had just received from [redacted] and which he carried in his pocket. b6 b7C

COVELLI said that he believed that it was on that same day either at the time of his luncheon in the Greek restaurant or possibly after Court on the afternoon of the same day that [redacted] paid Chicago [redacted] a considerable sum of money out of the approximately $2,400 which [redacted] retained from the money received in [redacted] COVELLI stated that he believed some of the payment made to [redacted] was in the form of Bank of America money orders. b6 b7C

COVELLI stated that it was on the last day of his trial which he believed was a Wednesday, that the case concluded about 4:00 or 4:30 P. M. He stated that at that time he asked attorney [redacted] when he would know the verdict and [redacted] told him to phone him at the Card Restaurant about 11:00 or 12:00 P. M. COVELLI stated that that same night he did phone attorney [redacted] and was then advised by [redacted] that the trial had resulted in a locked jury. COVELLI stated that he made that phone call to the best of his recollection from his home. b6 b7C

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